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Lecture 23: Tuples

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A programming problem

• Given a file of cities' names and (x, y) coordinates:

```
Winslow 50 20
Tucson 90 60
Phoenix 10 72
Bisbee 74 98
Yuma 5 136
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```



• Write a program to draw the cities on a DrawingPanel, then simulates an earthquake that turns all cities red that are within a given radius:

Epicenter x? $\frac{100}{100}$ Affected radius? 75

A poor solution

```
lines = open("cities.txt").readlines()
names = [0] * len(lines)
x coords = [0] * len(lines)
y coords = [0] * len(lines)
for i in range(0, len(lines)):
   parts = lines[i].split()
   names[i] = parts[0] # city name
    x coords[i] = parts[1]
    y coords[i] = parts[2]
```

• What's bad about this solution?

A poor solution

```
names[i] = parts[0]  # city name
x_coords[i] = parts[1]
y_coords[i] = parts[2]
```

- Parallel lists: two or more lists with related data at the same indices.
- Parallel lists can easily lead to bugs:
 - may get "out of sync" if you add an x-coordinate but not a y-coordinate
- Would have to pass all three lists as parameters to a function.
- Is there a better representation?

Observations

 Each item in the data set is a name, an x-coordinate and y-coordinate for a given city

Winslow 50 20

• It would be better to associate these values



Tuples

Good for associating a fixed number of items Syntax for creating a tuple:

(value0, value1, ... ,valueN)

Example:

("Tucson", 90, 60)

Tuples can be subscripted just like lists and strings:

```
>>> t = ("Tucson", 90, 60)
>>> t
('Tucson', 90, 60)
>>> t[0]
'Tucson'
```

Tuples vs. lists

• Tuples

- tuples hold a fixed number of items
- the items in a tuple cannot be assigned to

```
>>> t = ("Tucson", 90, 60)
>>> t
('Tucson', 90, 60)
>>> t[0] = "OldPueblo"
```

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TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

- Lists
 - lists may grow or shrink
 - the items in a list <u>can</u> be assigned to
 - typically a list holds values of the same type (e.g., all integers or all strings)

Using tuples

• As mentioned, tuples are subscripted just like lists and strings

t = ("Tucson", 90, 60)
x_coord = t[1]

• You can loop through tuples the same as lists and strings

operation	call	result
len()	len((1, 2, 3))	3
+	(1, 2, 3) + (4, 5, 6)	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
*	('Hi', 1) * 2	('Hi', 1, 'Hi', 1)
in	3 in (1, 2, 3)	True
for	<pre>for x in (1,2,3): print(x)</pre>	1 2 3
min()	min((1, 3))	1
max()	max((1, 3))	3

Using tuples

>>> book = ("Pride and Prejudice", "Austin", 1813, "Fiction") >>> book ('Pride and Prejudice', 'Austin', 1813, 'Fiction') >>> len(book) 4 >>> "Fiction" in book True >>> for item in book: print(item)

Pride and Prejudice Austin 1813 Fiction



• Write a function called <code>zipval(lst, value)</code> that take a list and value as parameters and returns a list of tuples consisting of each element of the list and the value

call return zipval([10,20,30], "a") [(10,'a'), (20,'a'), (30, 'a'])



• Write a function called zip(a, b) that takes two lists as parameters and returns a list of tuples. Each tuple consists of the paired consecutive values of the parameter lists.

call return zip([1,2,3],[4,5,6]) [(1,4), (2,5), (3, 6)]

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Earthquake plot

Draws all of the cities affected by earthquakes
given the radius input by the user.
from drawingpanel import *

```
def main():
    cities = get cities()
```

```
# gets information from the user
epi_x = int(input("Epicenter x? "))
epi_y = int(input("Epicenter y? "))
radius = int(input("Radius? "))
```

draw(cities, epi x, epi y, radius)

Earthquake plot – cont.

Let's write get_cities().

First step is the pseudocode.

Open the file cities.txt
Read all the lines from the file
For each line of the file
create a tuple of the city and the x and y coordinates
add that tuple to a list
return the list

```
Earthquake plot – cont.
```

Returns a list of tuples. Each tuple contains a city name, x and y

coordinates from one line of cities.txt

```
def get cities():
    file = open("cities.txt")
    lines = file.readlines()
    cities = []
    for line in lines: # format: 'Tucson, 60, 90'
        parts = line.split()
        city = (parts[0], parts[1], parts[2])
        cities.append(city)
    return cities
```

Earthquake plot – cont.

...

```
# Draws all of the cities as dots on a DrawingPanel. If in
# the affected radius, colors them red, otherwise black.
# Draws a circle around the affected region.
def draw(cities, epi x, epi y, radius):
    p = DrawingPanel(400, 400)
    p.canvas.create oval(epi x - radius, epi y - radius,
                          epi x + radius, epi y + radius)
    for city in cities: # the variable city is a tuple
        x = int(city[1]) # get x-coordinate
        y = int(city[2]) # get y-coordinate
        color = "black"
        if (x \ge epi x - radius and x \le epi x + radius and
           y \ge epi y - radius and y \le epi y + radius):
            color = "red"
        p.canvas.create oval(x, y, x + 4, y + 4, outline=color)
```

Days till

 Write a function called days_till that accepts a start month and day and a stop month and day and returns the number of days between them

Days till solution

```
if start_month.lower() == stop_month.lower() and stop_day >= start_day:
    return stop_day - start_day
days = 0
for i in range(0, len(months)):
    month = months[i]
    if month[0] == start_month.lower():
        days = month[1] - start_day
        i += 1
        while months[i % 12][0] != stop_month.lower():
        days += months[i % 12][1]
        i += 1
        days += stop_day
return days
```