



Brock University Library
Digital Scholarship Lab

Advanced Python

Material for Workshop <http://bit.ly/DSLPython2>

Importing Libraries

- We like to reuse code as much as possible so we import libraries of functions that are already written
- EG. to Import the statistics library: `import statistics`

Library example: Numpy

- A Python Library that lets you do intensive computation calculations.

Eg. to import Numpy with a shorter name so we don't need to type it out all the time

```
import numpy as np
```

Library example: Pandas

- A Python Library that lets you manipulate data in an object called a *dataframe*

Eg. to import the library and open a csv file:

```
import pandas as pd  
data = pd.read_csv("file.csv")
```

Some useful things to do

- `data.head()` display the first lines of the dataframe
- `data.describe()` a quantitative summary of the data frame
- `data.count()` how many items are in the dataframe
- `data.nunique()` how many unique items are in a dataframe
- `data.unique()` the actual unique values seen in a dataframe
- `data.value_counts()` the frequency of the unique values found
- `data.groupby()` collects data based on repeating values seen in a column
- `data.sort_values(by = "column name" ascending=True)` sorts dataframe based on a column called "column name"
- `data.mean()` arithmetic mean of dataframe values
- `data.max()` highest value seen in a dataframe
- `data.min()` lowest value seen in a dataframe
- `data.loc["search"]` will locate all items in dataframe that match "search"

Library Example: Matplotlib

- A Python Library to draw graphs, works with Pandas and Numpy

Eg. to import Matplotlib into a Jupyter notebook with a shorter name

```
%matplotlib inline
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Everything you put into a graph object needs to be a list

Example Bargraph:

```
plt.bar(["dogs", "cats", "fish", "lizards", "turtles"], [2, 3, 4, 3, 2])
plt.title("Favorite Pets")
plt.show()
```

