

The OS module

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Using the os-module

- With the os-module, you can obtain greater access to the file system
 - Here is code to get the files in a directory

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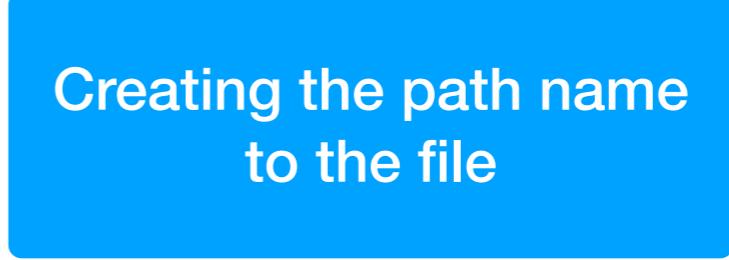
Get a list of file names in the directory

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Creating the path name
to the file

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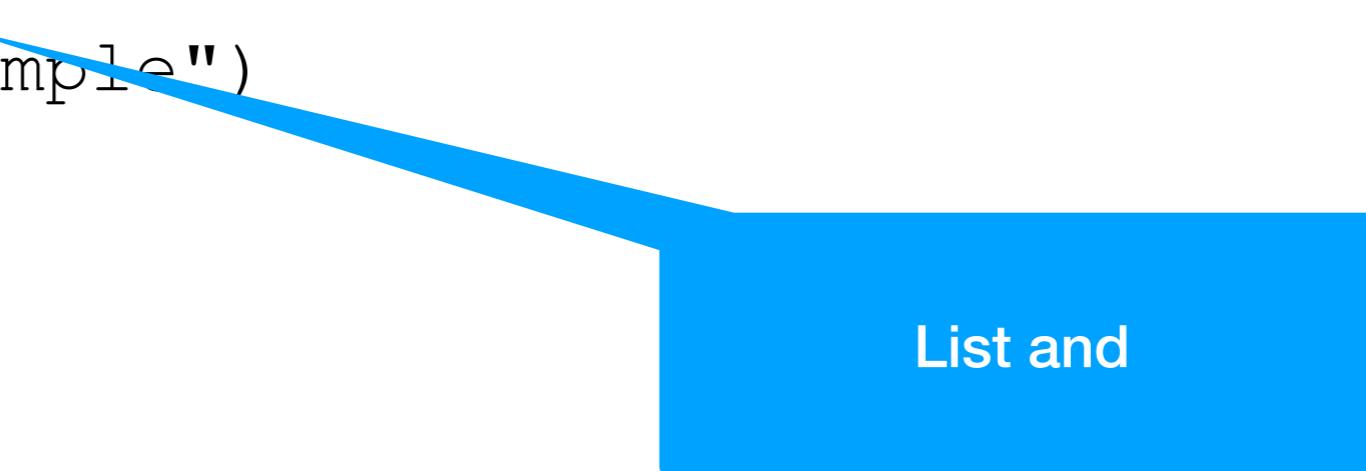
Gives the size of the file
in bytes

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List and

Use the os-module

- Output:
 - Note the Mac-trash file

```
RESTART: /Users/thomasschwa  
le14/generator.py  
.DS_Store 6148  
results1.csv 384  
results0.csv 528  
results2.csv 432  
results3.csv 368  
results4.csv 464
```

Use the os-module

- Using the listing capability of the os-module, we can process all files in a directory
 - To avoid surprises, we best check the extension
 - Assume a function `process_a_file`
 - Our function opens a comma-separated (.csv) file
 - Calculates the average of the ratios of the second over the first entries

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- The process_a_file takes the file-name
 - Calculates the average ratio

```
def process_a_file(file_name):  
    with open(file_name, "r") as infile:  
        suma = 0  
        nr_lines = 0  
        for line in infile:  
            nr_lines+=1  
            array = line.split(',')  
            suma+= float(array[1])/float(array[0])  
    return suma/nr_lines
```

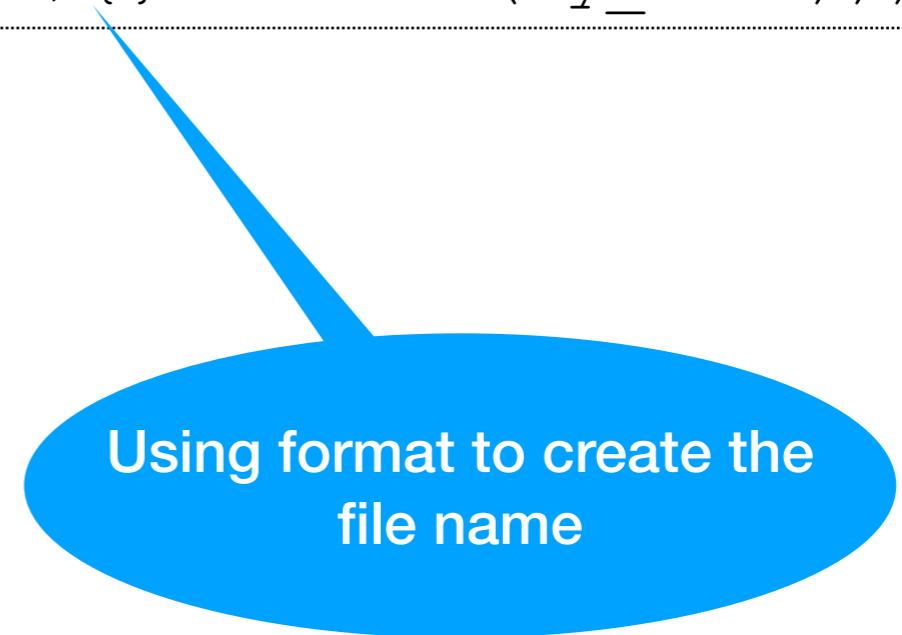
1.290, 12.495	2.295, 11.706	3.063, 9.083	4.058, 4.112
1.147, 1.093	2.225, 9.733	3.022, 15.820	3.751, 20.939
1.997, 8.833	2.781, 10.032	3.095, 21.861	3.751, 26.547
0.929, 9.373	0.280, 37.029	0.295, 47.130	0.350, 50.559
1.858, 14.439	37.459, 55.599	37.459, 62.268	37.546, 68.175
3.022, 21.861	27.295, 66.393	34.994, 62.255	39.293, 76.877
3.751, 26.547	37.459, 84.574	37.459, 93.389	39.64, 103.726
1.147, 1.093	10.838, 11.623	10.838, 119.797	1.093, 130.094
1.997, 8.833	0.280, 37.546	0.280, 143.306	0.48, 154.047
2.781, 10.032	37.029, 47.130	37.029, 169.502	0.67, 178.782
4.225, 9.733	37.459, 50.559	4.225, 190.953	0.86, 199.131
5.455, 15.820	27.295, 62.268	5.455, 214.514	0.95, 232.827
6.151, 20.939	34.994, 76.877	6.151, 245.687	0.95, 256.452
6.573, 26.547	37.459, 84.574	6.573, 270.849	0.95, 288.109
8.058, 33.335	66.393, 93.389	8.058, 303.786	0.95, 328.109
9.132, 37.546	62.255, 103.726		
10.474, 47.130	84.116, 119.797		
11.207, 50.559	87.145, 130.094		

Use the os-module

- To process the directory
 - Get the file names using os
 - For each file name:
 - Check whether the file name ends with .csv
 - Call the process_a_file function
 - Print out the result

Use of the os-module

```
def process_files(dir_name):  
    files = os.listdir(dir_name)  
    for my_file in files:  
        if my_file.endswith('.csv'):  
            print(my_file, process_a_file(  
                "Example/{}".format(my_file)))
```



Using format to create the
file name

Use of the os-module

```
RESTART: /Users/thomasschwarz/Docu  
le14/generator.py  
>>> process_files('Example')  
results1.csv 5.2819632072675295  
results0.csv 5.920382285263983  
results2.csv 5.7506863373894666  
results3.csv 4.801235259621119  
results4.csv 6.409464135625922
```