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Part 9

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Introduction to Files

Python has a file object type which permits the use of file methods, allowing access to and manipulation of files which are stored on the computer disk.

Text Files

A simple text file can be created using a text processing application such as Window's Notepad, Window's Wordpad or a word processor such as Microsoft Word.



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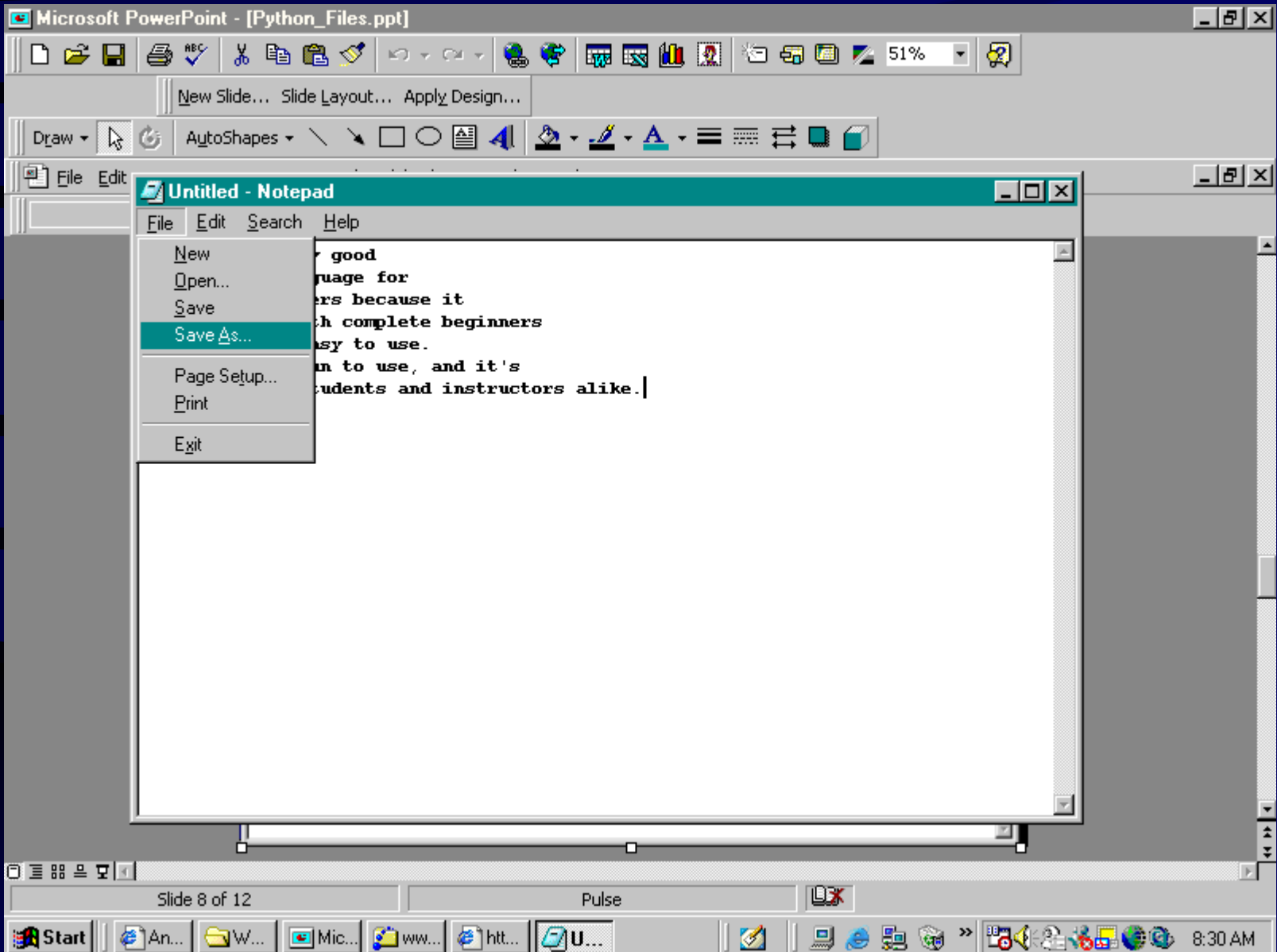
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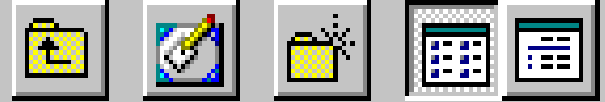
Python is a very good programming language for complete beginners because it was designed with complete beginners in mind. It's easy to use. It's a lot of fun to use, and it's well liked by students and instructors alike.



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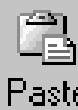
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1 object(s)

233 bytes

 My Computer

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An example program using a file

This program reads a line from the file C:\temp\file1.txt, then prints out the line.

```
file1 = open('C:\\temp\\file1.txt','r')
# the line above opens C:\temp\file1.txt for reading
string = file1.readline()
print (string)
```

The output:

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Video: How to read a file in Python

<https://youtu.be/KA-DFjpYFiM>

Creating and writing to a file

This program creates a file called tester2.txt in folder C:\temp, writes two lines to it, then closes the file.

```
file1 = open("C:\\temp\\tester2.txt", "w")
print (file1) # prints out details about the file
file1.write("Today is Monday\n")
file1.write("Tomorrow is Tuesday")
file1.close()
```

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Video: How to write to a file in Python

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Video: Using the backslash escape sequence

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Reading data from a file

This program opens the file called tester2.txt in folder C:\temp, reads the file into a string variable and prints the string. The file is then closed and opened again, and this time five characters at a time are read from the file.

```
file2 = open("C:\\temp\\tester2.txt","r")
print (file2) # prints out details about the file
string1 = file2.read()
print (string1)
file2.close()
file2 = open("C:\\temp\\tester2.txt","r")
string1 = file2.read(5)
print (string1)
string1 = file2.read(5)
print (string1)
```

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Copying files

This program makes an exact copy of a file. It uses a function to perform the processing.

```
def copyFile(oldFile, newFile):  
    f1 = open(oldFile, "r")  
    f2 = open(newFile, "w")  
    while 1:  
        text = f1.read(50)  
        if text == "":  
            break  
        f2.write(text)  
    f1.close()  
    f2.close()  
    return
```

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```
filecopy = "C:\\temp\\tester2copy.txt"  
#this file will be created  
  
fileold = "C:\\temp\\tester2.txt" # existing file  
copyFile(fileold, filecopy)
```

Handling the “file not found” exception

This program opens a file if it exists, otherwise prints an error message.

```
filename = input('Enter a file name: ')
try:
    f = open (filename, "r")
except:
    print ('There is no file named', filename )
```

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Video: Python Errors and Exceptions

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Video: Python Exception Handling

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Video: Python File Searching

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