



F4.5 Libraries and your own modules

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What this lesson is about

import, Python's own libraries, and a module file of your own.

- import
- Three ways to import
- Libraries you already know
- Your own module
- Why write modules?

Questions

5 marks in all

1. What does this program print?

[1 mark]

```
import math
print(math.sqrt(49))
```

2. What does this program print?

[1 mark]

```
from math import floor, ceil
print(floor(2.7), ceil(2.1))
```

3. Which are benefits of using a library?

[1 mark]

Tick every answer that is true.

- ☐ A It saves writing the code yourself
- ☐ B Its code has already been tested
- ☐ C You can use complex features without knowing how they work
- ☐ D It makes every program shorter than 10 lines

4. A program says `import moves` and calls `moves.square(20)`. Where is `square` defined?

[1 mark]

- ☐ A In a file called `moves.py`
- ☐ B Inside the program itself
- ☐ C In the math library
- ☐ D Nowhere: it causes an error

5. Why does moves.py need its own `from bugbot import *` line?

[1 mark]

- ☐ A A module gets the robot's commands only by importing them itself
- ☐ B Every Python file must start with it
- ☐ C It connects to the robot twice
- ☐ D It does not need it

The task: use your module

Finish `square(size)` in `moves.py` above so it drives a square and ends where it started (replace `pass`). Then, in the task, import `moves` and use it to drive a square of 20 cm and then a square of 35 cm. Do not write the square's drives in the task program itself.

```
# the two lines every program starts with: the commands, then the robot
from bugbot import *
connect()

import moves

moves.square(20)
```

Plan your program here, then type it in and press Run.



Do it on the robot

www.bugbotlab.com/learn/f4-5-libraries-and-modules/

The simulator checks it and tells you when it passes. Nothing to install, no account.

Challenges

1. Add a function `triangle(size)` to `moves.py` and use it from a Try-it cell.
2. Plan a module `sounds.py` on paper: list the functions a robot program would want from it, with their parameters.
3. Use `math.hypot` to print how far the robot is from where it started after a zigzag.