File and Directory Access

The modules described in this chapter deal with disk files and directories. For example, there are modules for reading the properties of files, manipulating paths in a portable way, and creating temporary files. The full list of modules in this chapter is:

pathlib.rst os.path.rst stat.rst filecmp.rst tempfile.rst glob.rst fnmatch.rst linecache.rst shutil.rst

Module `os`
Operating system interfaces, including functions to work with files at a lower level than Python `file objects <file object>`.

Module `io`
Python's built-in I/O library, including both abstract classes and some concrete classes such as file I/O.

Built-in function `open`
The standard way to open files for reading and writing with Python.

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