

Chapter 0 — What is Python and This Book

What is Python

Python was created by Guido van Rossum in the early 1990s. He was a professional programmer that wanted to create a simple "hobby" programming language that would have appeal to beginners and other programmers. The Python 3 language is derived from previous versions but is not backward compatible.

How to Use This Book

The subjects in this text are arranged numerically. As long as prerequisite material is covered, the actual order of chapters may be varied. The Chapter Dependencies Map shows what prerequisite chapters should be presented.

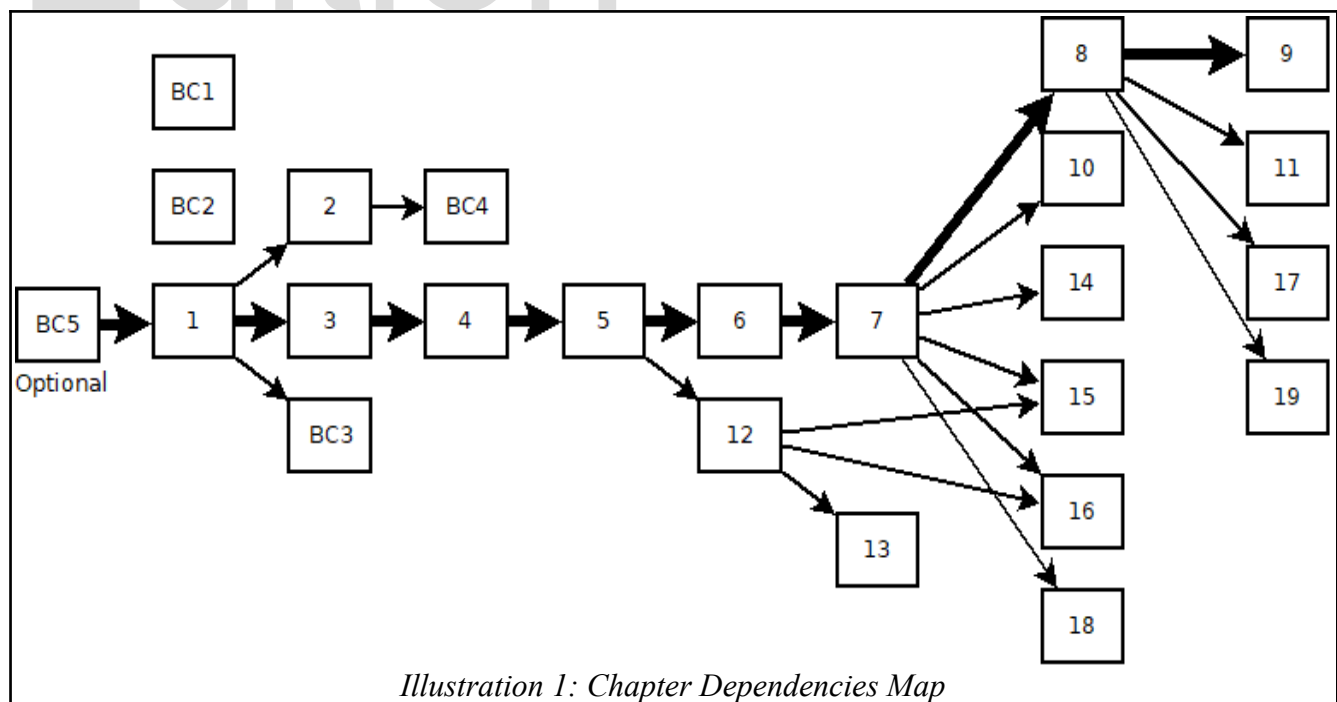


Illustration 1: Chapter Dependencies Map

In a typical 15-week course, Higher Ed, Introduction to Programming in the Business Program the following material is covered: BC1, BC2, BC5, and Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, and 19. This text will also work if additional emphasis on databases and data driven apps were desired. It is suggested that Chapters 17, 18 and 19 could be replaced with 11, 13, 14, 15, or 16 as meets the class

needs. Potentially leaving BC1, BC2, and Chapter 2 out altogether.

This volume will contain Chapters 1-10. Additional chapters are available as separate downloads at the So You Want to Learn (<http://www.syw2l.org>) web site.

References

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