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Powering up your FME Workspaces with Python

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Agenda

- Introduction to Python
- Python and FME
  - Scripted Parameter
  - Startup/ Shutdown Scripts
  - Python Transformer
  - FME Connection Manager
  - Handling list attributes
  - Using group by
- Outlook

Environment & Materials

- Remote Desktop Image
  - FME Desktop 2022
  - Training-Data
- Exercise Handout
- FME Python Cheat Sheet

Training Image

Virtual Machine:
If you haven’t set up a VM, please go to
http://fme.ly/ucvm

Username: administrator
Password: FME2022learnings

Let's explore FME and Python

What is Python?

- Python is a scripting language.
  - Object oriented
  - No compiling or linking
  - Fast (“quick & dirty”) programming and prototyping
- Name: Developer van Rossum is a huge fan of Monty Python’s Flying Circus

Why Python?

- Free, powerful and flexible
- Platform independent
- Automatic Garbage Collecting
- Capable of being integrated
  - e.g. FME, ArcGIS, Blender
- Extensive documentation
  - www.python.org

Time for some actual Python

Python Basics

- Get a python shell with

```
#> <FME dir>/fme.exe python
```

- Run a script with

```
#> <FME dir>/fme.exe my_script.py
```

- Basics

```
> 1+1
> "1" * 5
> dir()
> values = [1,2,3,4,5]
> print(values)
```

Exercise 1

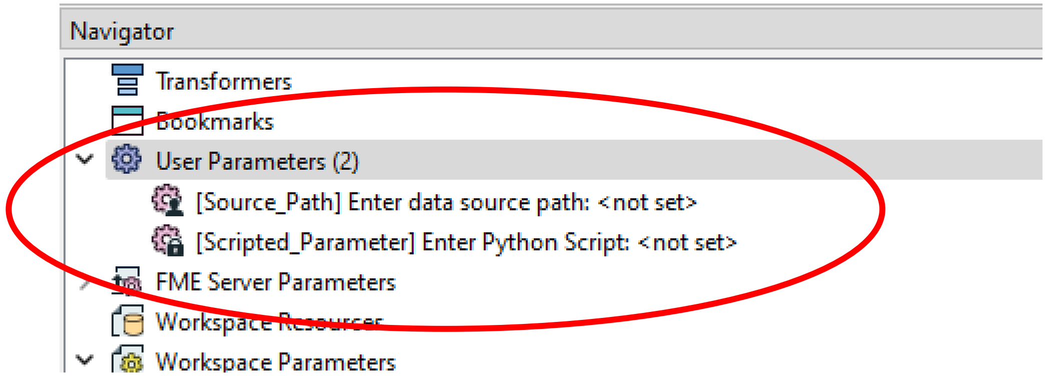
Setup and Basics

Connect to your personal trainings instance

Try out some basic Python commands

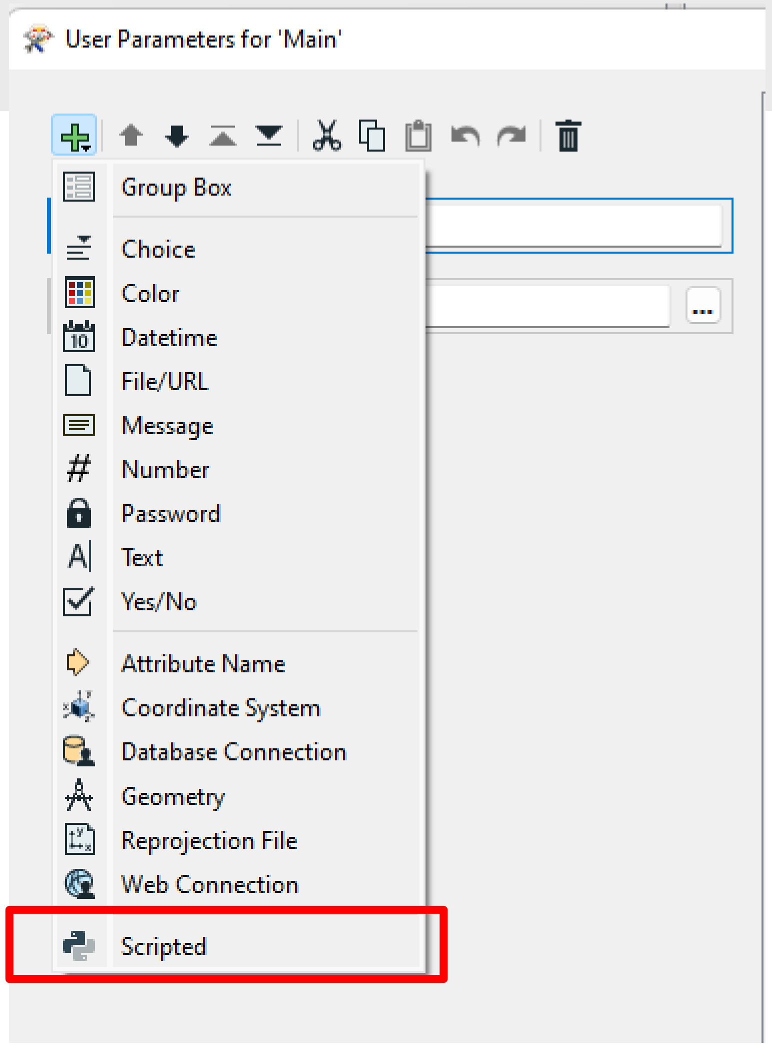
Published Parameters

- Published Parameter are parameters which are set before runtime.
- Examples:
  - Reader- / Writer file sources/ targets
  - Coordinate systems
  - Transformer parameters
  - Workspace Settings
  - Logfile


Navigator
Transformers
Bookmarks
User Parameters (2)
[Source_Path] Enter data source path: <not set>
[Scripted_Parameter] Enter Python Script: <not set>
FME Server Parameters
Workspace Resources
Workspace Parameters

Scripted Parameter

- Value is either Python or TCL script
- Order of execution:
  - Scripted Parameter
  - Startup Script
  - FME Process
  - Shutdown Script
- Allows usage as Reader parameter



Scripted Parameter

- Last line with `return` statement to hand value to FME process
- Access of Published Parameter
  - New: `fme.macroValues[‘Parameter_Name‘]`
  - Old: `FME_MacroValues[‘Parameter_Name‘]`

Demo

Scripted Parameter / INI File

Demo:

Use Python Parameters to read configs from an INI file.

FME Objects & Plugin API

- FME Objects API
  - Library containing FME functionality
- Plugin API
  - Develop Readers, Writers, Formats
  - Uses FME Objects
- Documentation
  - https://docs.safe.com/fme/html/fmepython/index.html
    - Python FME Objects / Python FME Webservices API
  - https://safe.com/documentation

fmeobjects

- Central Module `fmeobjects`
- Code statement: `import fmeobjects`
- Many classes for different FME aspects:
    - *`FMEFeature, FMEGeometry, FMELogfile, …`*

FMELogFile()

- Create your own log messages (also on FMEServer!)
- Create a logger object
- `logger = fmeobjects.FMELogfile()`

- Don't forget to import fmeobjects
- Create a log message
- `logger.logMessageString(message, severity)`

Using print()

- `print('Info message',[file=sys.stdout])`
- `print('Warn message',[file=sys.stderr])`
- => Only for rapid debugging
- Use `fmeobjects.FMELogFile()` optimal

Severity Types

Optional: Log-Level (FME Severity Level)

```
self.logger.logMessageString('Message', fmeobjects.FME_WARN)
```

0	FME_INFORM	black
1	FME_WARN	blue
2	FME_ERROR	red
…		

Exercise 2

Python Startup Script

Problem:

To clarify things you want to add your own custom log messages to the FME Logfile.

Solution:

Use the logger facility FMELogFile() and create messages with different log levels.

Shutdown Script

- Runs after the process has finished with either SUCCESS or FAILURE
- Post-Processing
  - Everything FME related is done by then
- Use cases
  - Move / copy / pack result
  - Call external modules (e.g. arcpy)
  - Custom logging

Shutdown Script

- Access published parameters and FME system parameters with the module fme
  - `fme.cpuTime, fme.cpuUserTime, fme.featuresRead, fme.failureMessage, fme.logFileName, fme.macroValues, fme.status,` …
  - All shutdown script variables
    - https://docs.safe.com/fme/html/FME_Desktop_Documentation/FME_Desktop/Configuration/FME_END_PYTHON.htm
- You can't use `fmeobjects.FMELogfile()` !
  - Simple workaround:

```
with open(fme.logFileName, "a") as logfile:
     logfile.write("Processing Shutdown Script\n")
```

fmeobjects - FME Feature

```
import fmeobjects

# Instantiate a new feature

myFeature = fmeobjects.FMEFeature()
```

fmeobjects - FME Feature

```
myFeature.setAttribute("Identification", 123)

myFeature.setAttribute("Name", "FME Lizard")

myFeature.setAttribute("List", ["FME Desktop", "FME Server"])
```

fmeobjects - FME Feature

```
myFeature.removeAttribute("Name")

myFeature.removeAttrsWithPrefix("Any Prefix")
```

Working with geometries

- Two steps to create a feature with a geometry
  - Create geometry
  - Apply geometry to a FME feature

Step 1:

- Create a point geometry

```
point = fmeobjects.FMEPoint(0,0)
```

- Create a line geometry

```
line = fmeobjects.FMELine()
line.appendPoints([(-20,-20),(20,-20)])
```

Working with geometries

Step 2: Assign geometry to Feature

```
feature = fmeobjects.FMEFeature()
feature.setGeometry(point)

feature2 = fmeobjects.FMEFeature()
feature2.setGeometry(point)
```

More Feature Functions

- `getAllCoordinates()`
- `getGeometryType()`
- `getDimension()`
- `getCoordSys()`
- `...`

Coffee Break

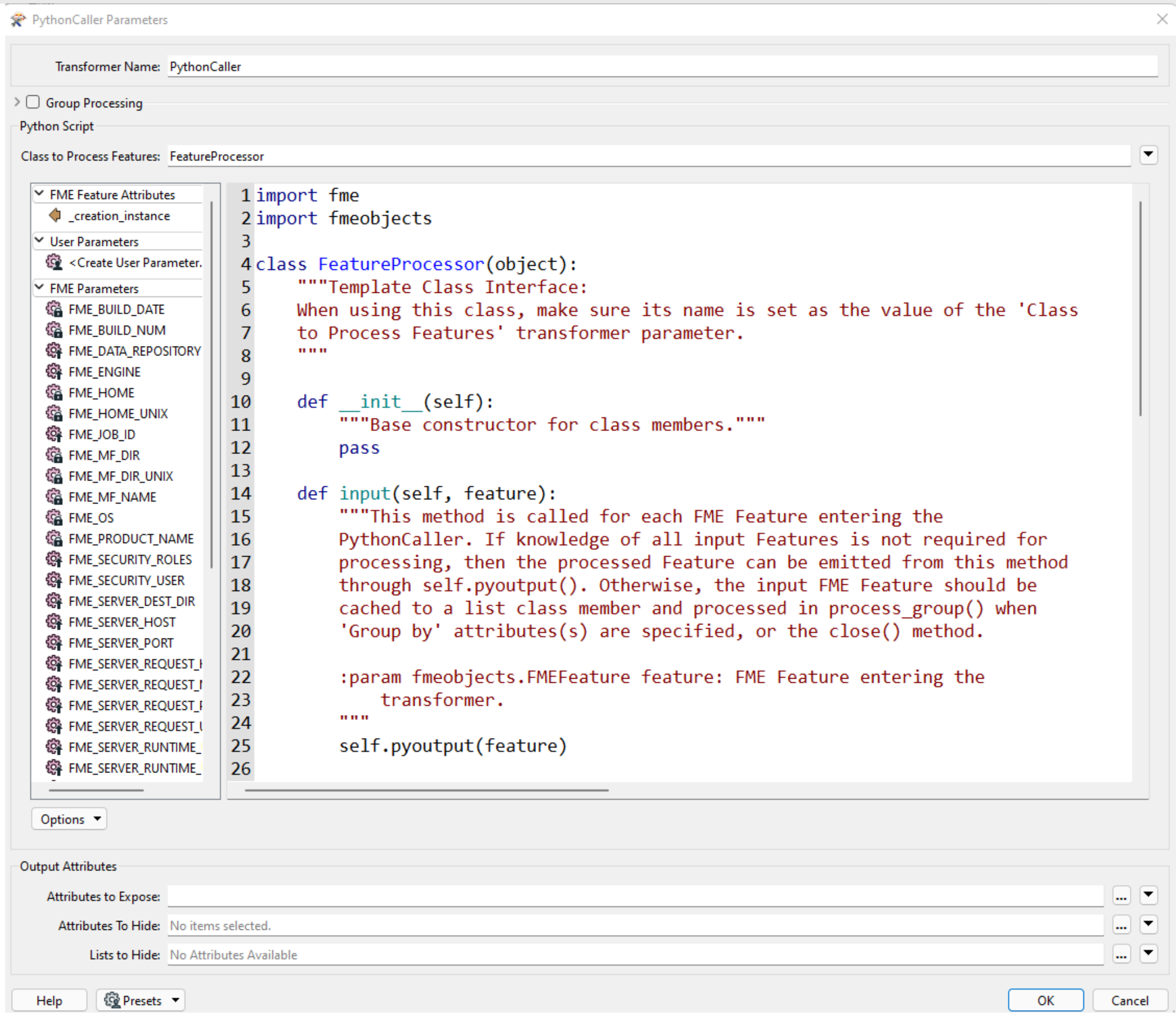
Python Transformer

- Both Transformers allow Python code execution during the FME process.
- Implement your code
  - Directly in Transformer
  - As external script file, e.g. myPythonLogic.py
- Use the PythonCaller to manipulate existing features (has an input port)
- Use PythonCreator the create features from scratch

Python Transformer

Variant A: Use FME Editor for source code

- FME Editor uses spaces indentation!
- Syntax-Highlighting
- Easy access of Parameters (Published, Private, System) Search & Replace
- But: No IntelliSense!



Transformer Name: PythonCaller

Class to Process Features: FeatureProcessor

```python
import fme
import fmeobjects

class FeatureProcessor(object):
    """Template Class Interface:
    When using this class, make sure its name is set as the value of the 'Class
    to Process Features' transformer parameter.
    """

    def __init__(self):
        """Base constructor for class members."""
        pass

    def input(self, feature):
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        PythonCaller. If knowledge of all input Features is not required for
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        through self.pyoutput(). Otherwise, the input FME Feature should be
        cached to a list class member and processed in process_group() when
        'Group by' attributes(s) are specified, or the close() method.

        :param fmeobjects.FMEFeature feature: FME Feature entering the
            transformer.
        """

        self.pyoutput(feature)

```

Attributes to Expose:

Attributes To Hide: No items selected.

Lists to Hide: No Attributes Available

Python Transformer

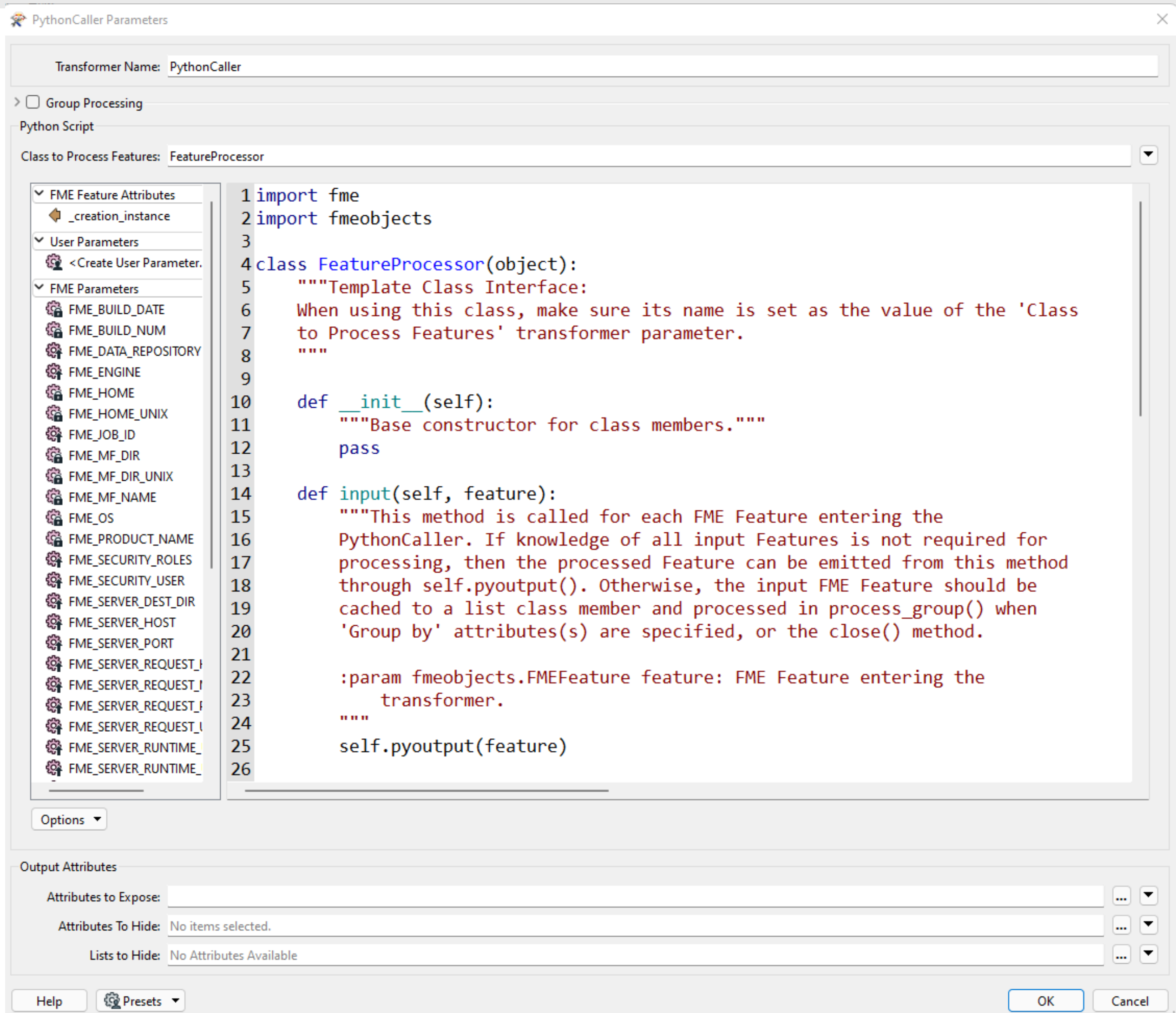
Variant B: External Script Files

- Class to process features `modulename.Class` => modulename.py
    - Benefit: You can use your favorite editor or IDE
    - Search path:

      ```
      <fme_Install>\FME\transformers
      <fme_Install>\FME\python
      ```
    - Directory of workspace file (*.fmw) ($FME_MF_DIR)
    - Add your own dirs with `sys.path.append` ! -> Startup Script

Python Transformer

- Python Script
  - Pythonskript-/ Code
- Class to Process Features
- Attributes to Expose
- Attributes to Hide
- Lists to Hide



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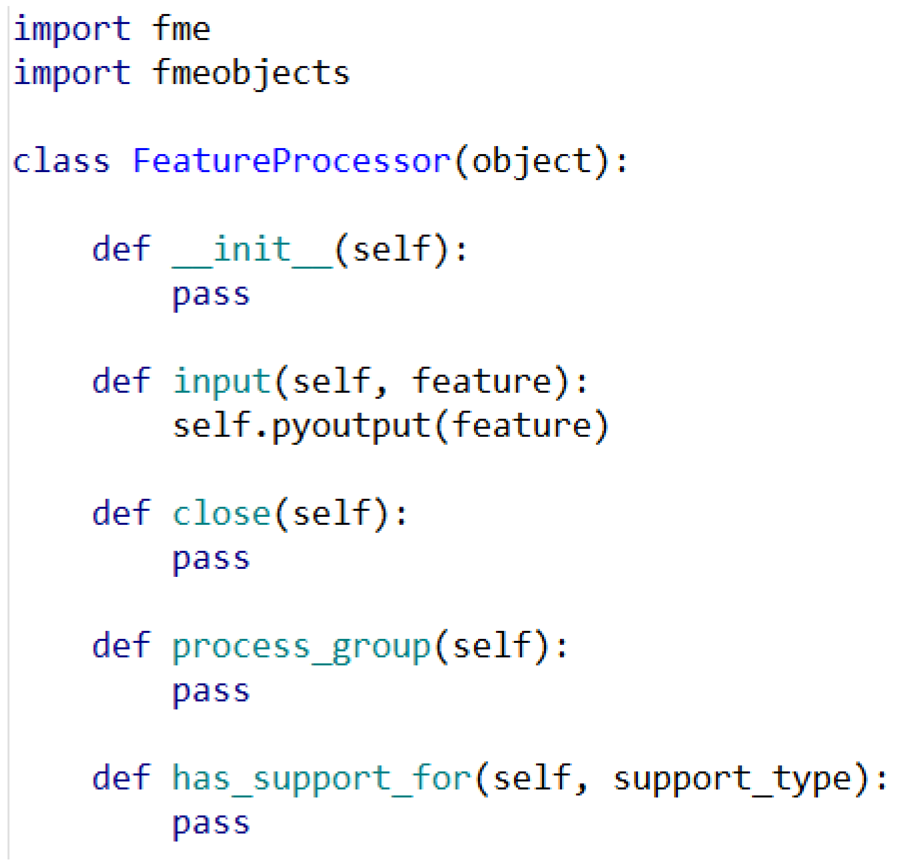
Class

- Defined by the keyword `class`
- Constructor / function with reference to object
- FME hands over feature via `input(self,feature)`
- FME calls `close(self)` after last feature



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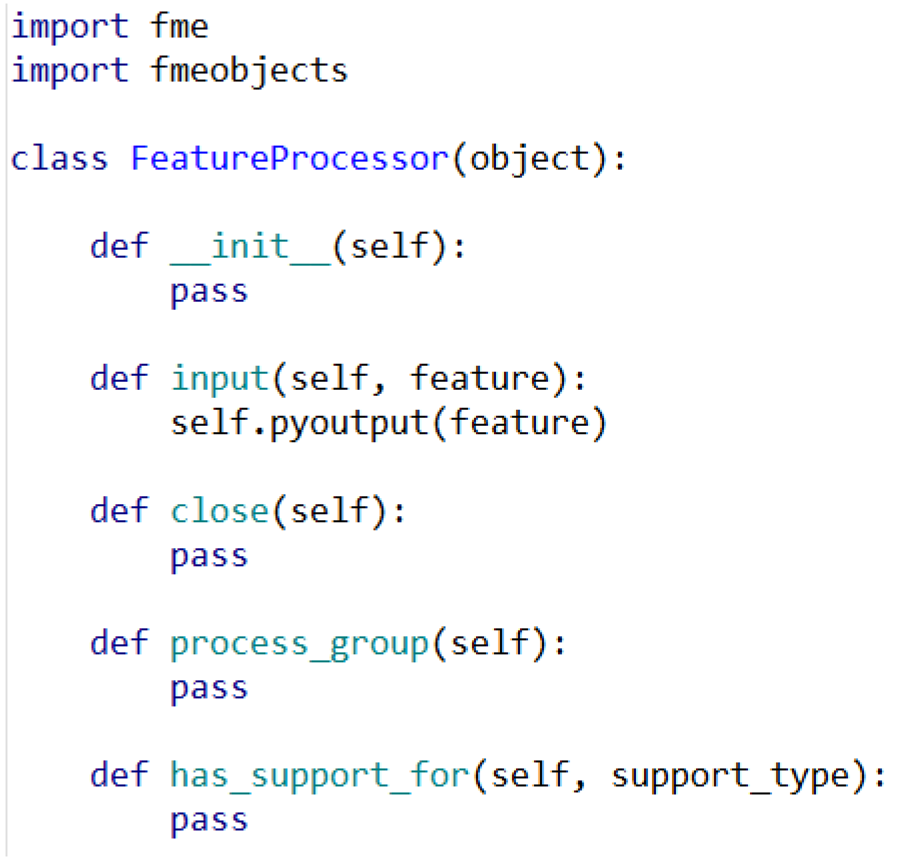
    def close(self):
        pass

    def process_group(self):
        pass

    def has_support_for(self, support_type):
        pass
```

Class

- Return feature handle to FME with `self.pyoutput()`
- Usable in both `input()` and `close()` method
  - Never access the feature object after `pyoutput()`!
  - Keyword `pass`
    - If a method is empty otherwise



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```
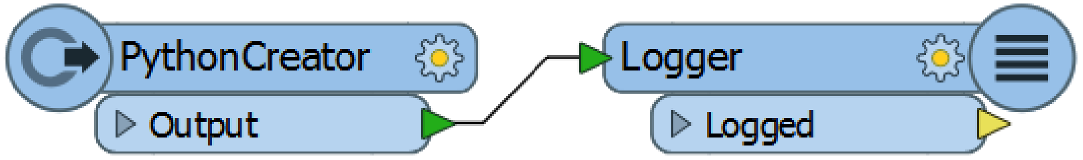
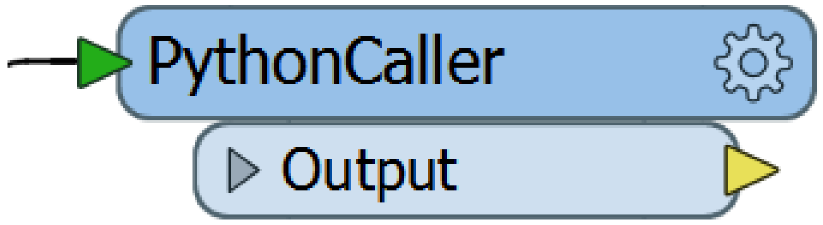

PythonCreator

- No input port!
- Usage
  - More control over creation of features compared to Creator transformer
  - Create your own Reader



PythonCaller

- Consumes FME features:
  - Attribute manipulation
  - Geometry manipulation
- Usage
  - Run any python code
  - Create advanced „Custom“ Transformers
  - Detailed logging, filtering or creation of features



Group by Processing

- Available in many transformer including PythonCaller
- Switches the transformer from „feature-by-feature“ to „feature-group-by-feature-group“ processing
- Can be memory intensive
- But avoids „FeatureFilter“ + multiple identical Transformers situations

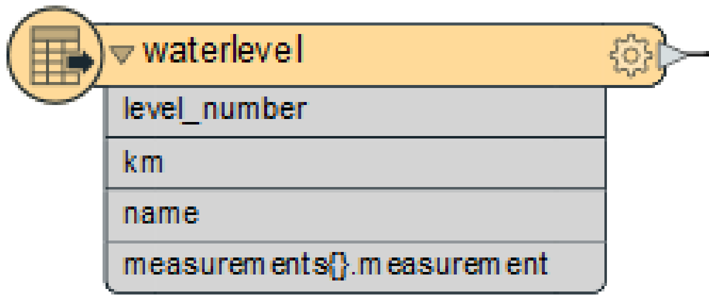
Exercise 3

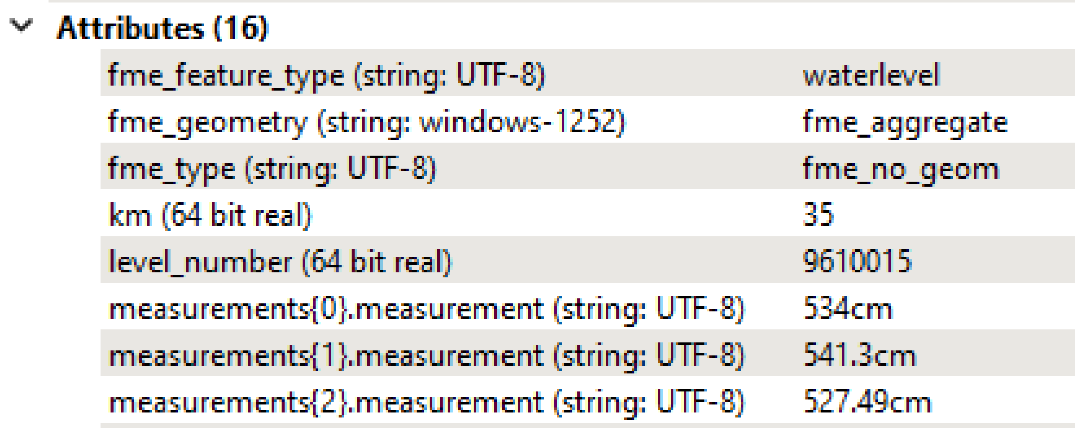
Calculate Statistics

Use different PythonCaller methods to calculate your own statistics over different features

Lists in FME

- Multiple values „in“ a single attribute per feature
- Note the difference
  - Notation via {} in FME
  - Notation via [] in Python
- setAttribute() / getAttribute() performs mapping





Attributes (16)

fme_feature_type (string: UTF-8)	waterlevel
fme_geometry (string: windows-1252)	fme_aggregate
fme_type (string: UTF-8)	fme_no_geom
km (64 bit real)	35
level_number (64 bit real)	9610015
measurements{0}.measurement (string: UTF-8)	534cm
measurements{1}.measurement (string: UTF-8)	541.3cm
measurements{2}.measurement (string: UTF-8)	527.49cm

FME Lists in Python

```
feature.getAttribute('measurements{}.measurement')
feature.setAttribute('measurements{}.measurement',[21,22,23])

feature.getAttribute('measurements{2}.measurement')
feature.setAttribute('measurements{2}.measurement', 123)

i = 2
feature.getAttribute('measurements{'+str(i)+'}.measurement')
```

Loops with FME Lists in Python

```
# „Normal“ for-Loop
myList = feature.getAttribute('_list{}._creation_instance')
for element in myList:
    print(element)


# Iteration with index
myList = feature.getAttribute('_list{}._creation_instance')
for i,element in enumerate(myList):
    print(i,element)
```

Exercise 4

Working with list attributes

Problem:

Non numeric list elements can’t be processed by some list transformers

Solution:

Use Python to iterate over the list elements and clean up the values

Named Connections

- Preferable storage of user credentials to external services
- Well integrated into FME Server
- Encrypted password storage
- Keeps confidential data out of workspace files

Exercise 5

Use the FME Connection Manager

Use the new FME Webservice API in Python to access user credential from a FME Web Connection

Using additional Libraries

- Check if already included
- User standalone Python interpreter and PIP
- Use FME PIP
- <Danger>
  - Version conflicts possible

Python Plugin SDK

- Samples and Documentation
  `<FMEHOME>\pluginbuilder`

Reader/Writer Plugin

- You'll need:
  - Your Code => `<FMEHOME>\plugins`
  - Formatsinfo File => `<FMEHOME>\formatsinfo`
  - Metafile
  - (Schema file)

Plugin Transformer

- FMX-File
- Pluginsinfo File
- Code

Python is a powerful way to extent FME

Don’t reinvent the wheel

Thank You!

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