



Media Computing Project

Python and Fusion 360 API

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BASICS

Python

```

1  #Author-Autodesk Inc.
2  #Description-Etract BOM information from active design.
3
4  import adsk.core, adsk.fusion, traceback
5
6  def spacePadRight(value, length):
7      pad = ''
8      if type(value) is str:
9          paddingLength = length - len(value) + 1
10     else:
11         paddingLength = length - value + 1
12     while paddingLength > 0:
13         pad += ' '
14         paddingLength -= 1
15
16     return str(value) + pad
17
18 def walkThrough(bom):
19     mStr = ''
20     for item in bom:
21         mStr += spacePadRight(item['name'], 25) + str(spacePadRight(item['instances'], 15)) + str(item['volume']) + '\n'
22     return mStr
23
24 def run(context):
25     = None
26     = None
27     = None
28     = None
29
30     product = app.activeProduct
31     design = adsk.fusion.Design.cast(product)
32     title = 'Extract BOM'
33     if not design:
34         ui.messageBox('No active design', title)
35         return
36
37     # Get all occurrences in the root component of the active design
38     root = design.rootComponent
39     occs = root.allOccurrences
40
41     # Gather information about each unique component
42     bom = []
43     for occ in occs:
44         comp = occ.component
45         jj = 0
46         for bomI in bom:
47             if bomI['component'] == comp:
48                 # Increment the instance count of the existing row.
49                 bomI['instances'] += 1
50                 break
51             else:
52                 bomI += 1

```



Basics

- Introduced in 1991
- Made for beginners
 - Easy to read (resembles English)
 - Simple syntax
- Interpreted language
- Large community
 - Many libraries / modules



Basics

- Indent-based coding
 - Code blocks are created by evenly indenting
- Case sensitive
 - True \neq true
 - do_something() \neq Do_something()
- Python 2.X and 3.X are incompatible

Variables

- Type is not defined in the code and can change during runtime

```
x = 3
```

```
x = 3.7
```

```
x = "3"
```

```
x = True (not true as python is case sensitive)
```

If Statements

```
if condition1 and condition2:  
    do_something()
```

```
if condition1 or condition2:  
    do_something()
```

```
if not condition1:  
    do_something()
```

```
if condition1:  
    do_something()  
elif condition2:  
    do_something_different()  
else:  
    do_something_else()
```

Lists and Slices

```
nothing = [] # empty list
names = ["Adrian", "Oliver", "Marcel", "Anke"]
names[1] # -> "Oliver"
names[0:2] # -> ["Adrian", "Oliver"]
names[1:] # -> ["Oliver", "Marcel", "Anke"]
names[-1] # -> "Anke"
```

Loops

```
names = ["Adrian", "Oliver", "Marcel", "Anke"]
```

```
for name in names:  
    print(name)
```

```
for index in range(len(names)):  
    print(names[index])
```

```
index = 0  
while index < len(names):  
    print(names[index])  
    index += 1
```



Try-Except

- Keeps your code alive if something unexpected happens

```
try:  
    some_dangerous_code()  
except ValueError:  
    some_error_handling()  
else:  
    no_errors_occured()  
finally:  
    do_some_cleanup()
```

- Optional: ValueError, else & finally

Methods

```
def longest_name(names):
    if len(names) < 1:
        return ""

    result = ""
    for name in names:
        if len(name) > len(result):
            result = name

    return result

def my_function(*args, **kwargs):
    for arg in args:
        print(arg)
    print("kwargs: ", kwargs)

my_function("MCP", "Python", arg1="Fusion", arg2="Duck")
# MCP
# Python
# kwargs: {'arg1': 'Fusion', 'arg2': 'Duck'}
```

Standard Library

- Usually distributed with python
- Contains many modules
 - Can be included using **import**
- Documentation:
 - <https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/index.html>



Built-in Functions

- Functions which are always available
- Casting
 - `int()`, `float()`, `str()`, ...
- Checking types
 - `type()`, `isinstance()`, ...
- ...

Imports

- Include other modules and packages
- Can be renamed locally
- Examples:

```
import math
```

```
import numpy as np
```

```
from Modules import MyFile
```

Guidelines

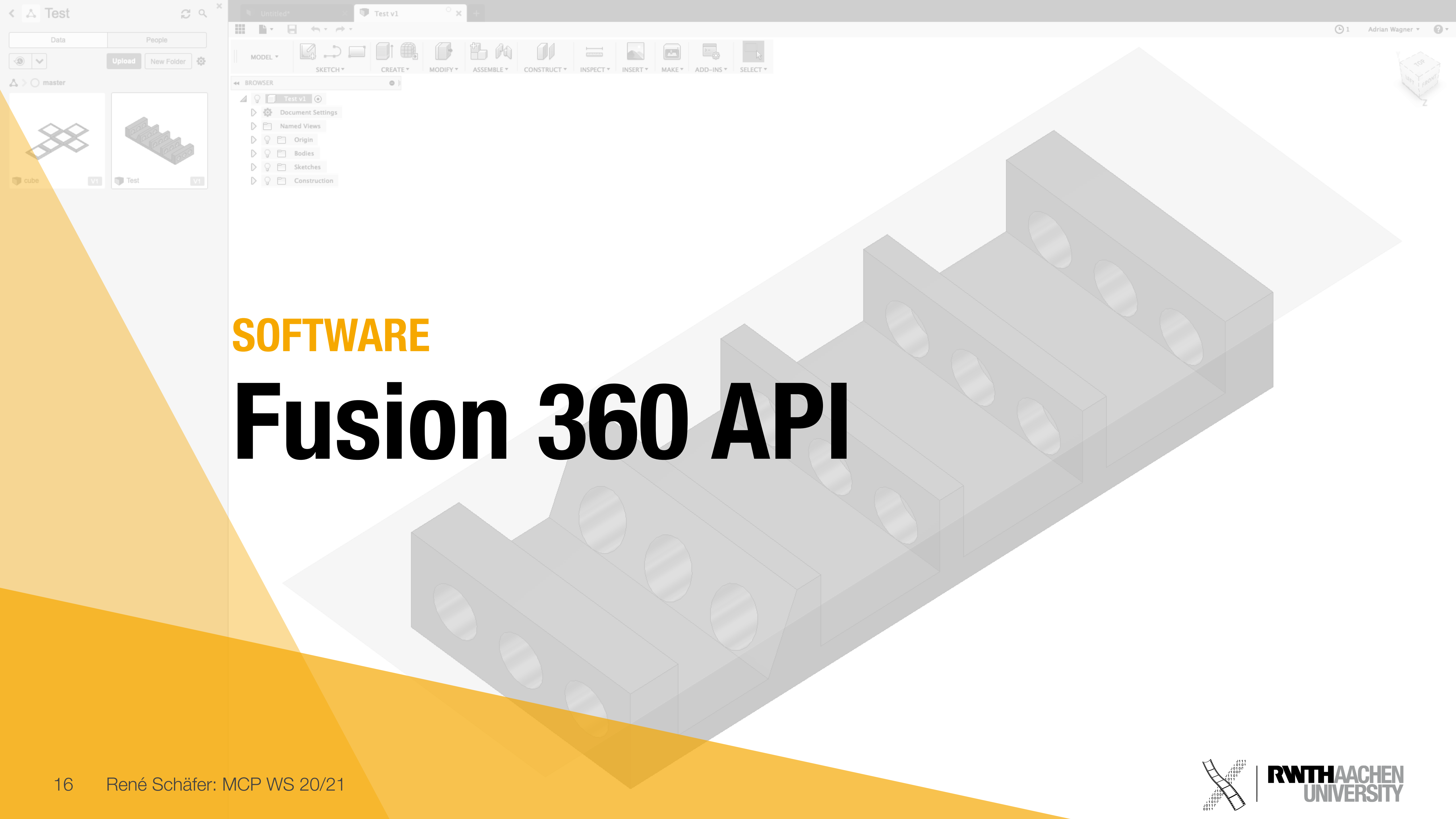
- Documentation:
 - <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>



Guidelines

“Always code as if the guy who ends up maintaining your code will be a violent psychopath who knows where you live”

- John Woods



SOFTWARE

Fusion 360 API



Python within Fusion 360

- Fusion has python included
- Currently version 3.7.6
 - **NOT** 3.9.0



API - Good to Know

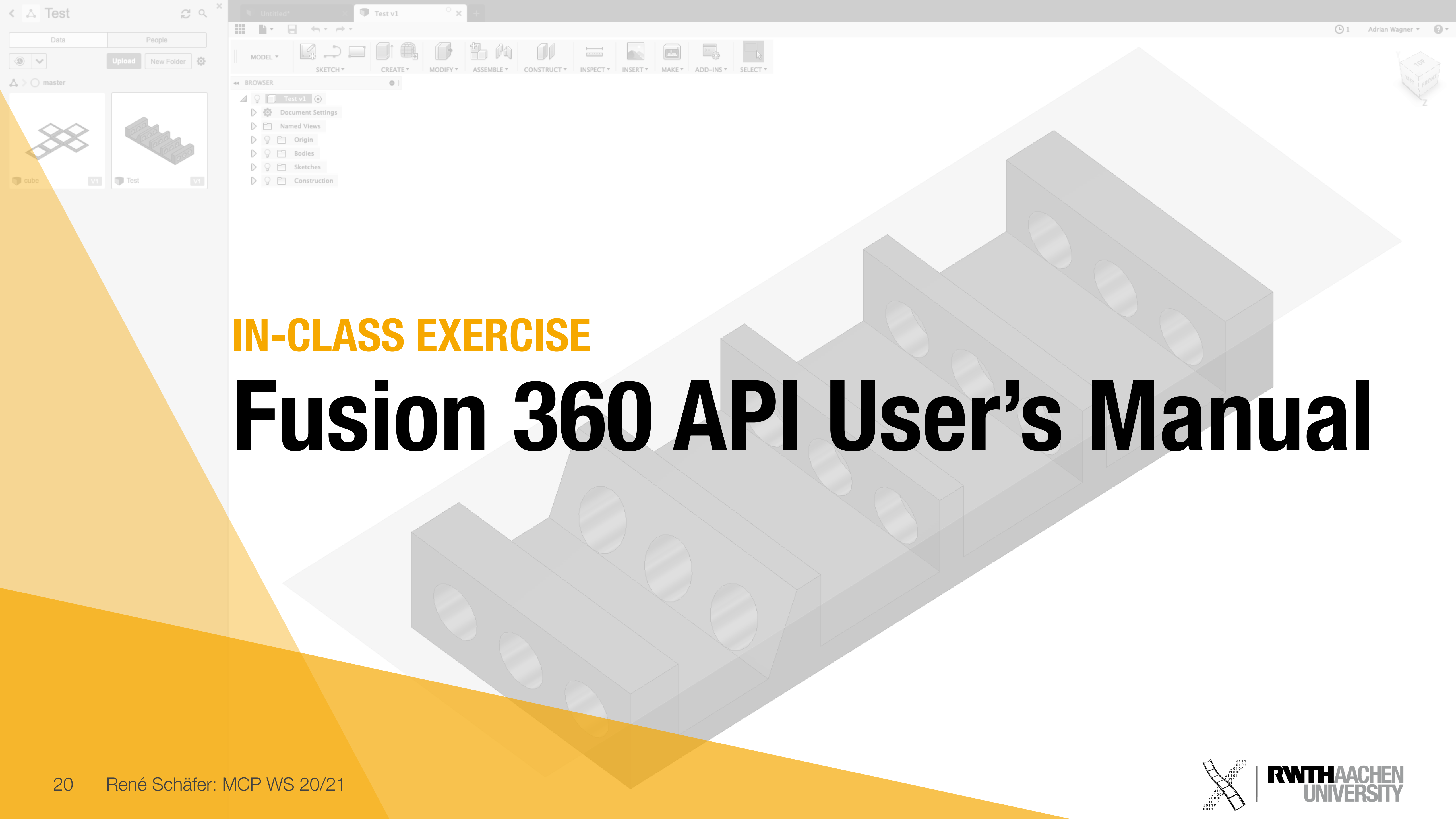
- Lengths are usually in cm
- Angles are usually in radians
- Use try-except blocks to see possible error messages
- Try to avoid modules which are not pure python
- Always pay attention on case sensitive problems
 - The API contains some in their documentation as well



VS Code

- Used to code and debug
- Print commands are displayed here

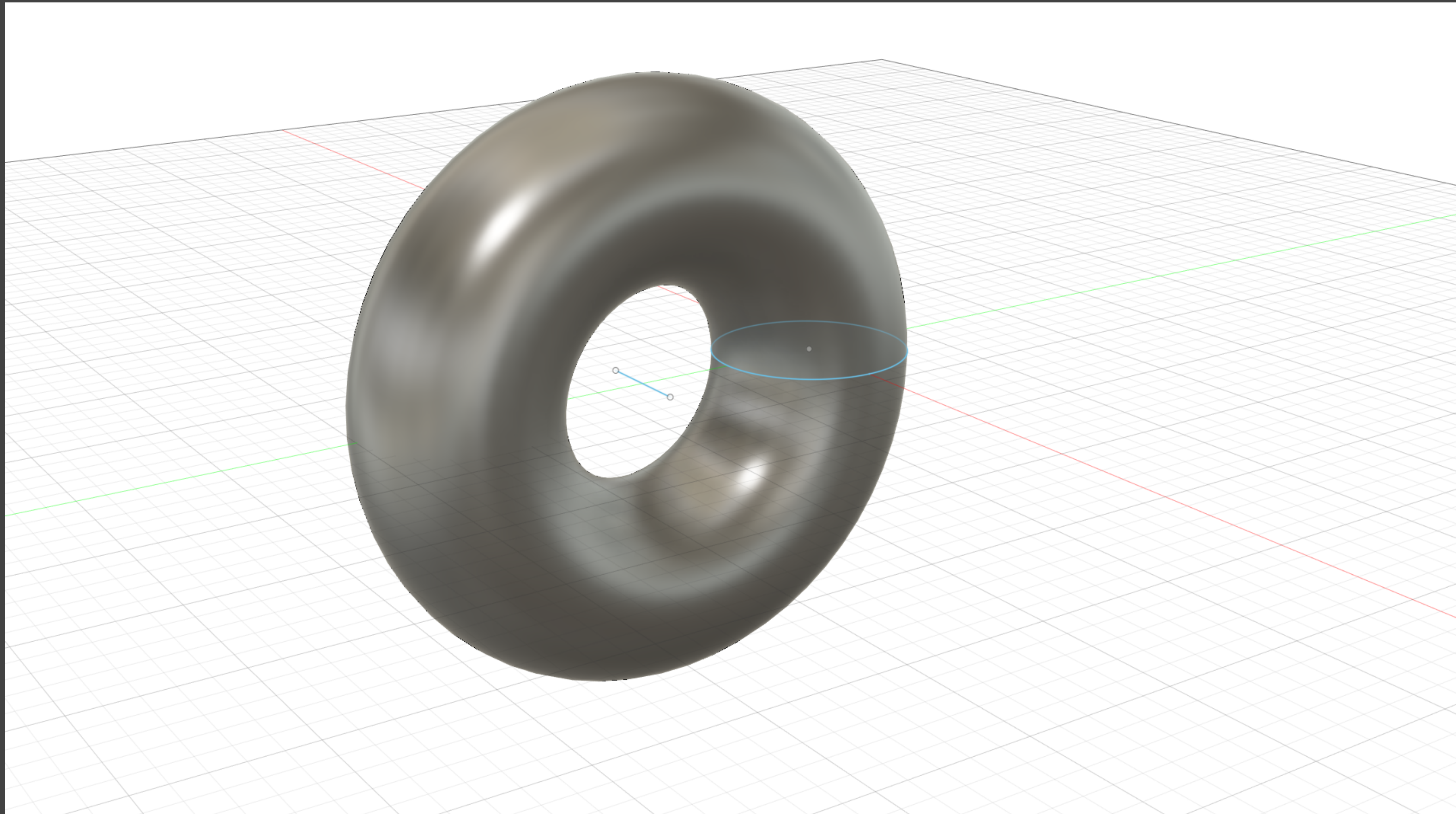




IN-CLASS EXERCISE

Fusion 360 API User's Manual

In-Class Exercise



Exercise

Follow the Fusion 360
API User's Manual

Create this circle

ASSIGNMENT

Tasks for next week

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- **Modify the script to create a random number of circles**
 - **5 - 10 circles**
 - **The circle for the first revolve has $1/n * 360$ degrees**
 - **The second circle has $2/n * 360$ degrees**
 - **The last circle is complete with 360 degrees**
 - **Optional:**
 - **Assign colours to the circles within your script**
 - **Hint:**
 - **Profiles inside a sketch may not be sorted by creation order**

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