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#### noun

- a separable component, frequently one that is interchangeable with others, for assembly into units of differing size, complexity,
- any of the individual, self-contained segments of a spacecraft, designed to perform a particular task: the spacecraft's command module; a lunar module.
- a standard or unit for measuring. 3.
- a selected unit of measure, ranging in size from a few inches to several feet, used as a basis for the planning and standardization of building materials.
- $\mathit{Mathematics}$  . an Abelian group with a  $\underline{\mathsf{set}}$  of left or right operators forming a ring such that for any two operators and any group element the result of having the first operator act on the element, giving a second element, and the second operator act on the second element is equal to the result of having a single operator, formed by adding or multiplying the two operators, act on the first element. Compare  $\underline{\mathsf{ring}^1}($  def 23 ) .
- Computers.
  - part of a program that performs a distinct function.
  - b. an interchangeable, plug-in hardware unit.

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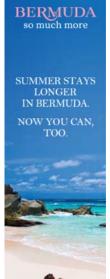
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- 2.a standard unit of measure, esp one used to coordinate the dimensions of buildings and components; in classical architecture, half the diameter of a column at the base of the shaft
- 3.a standardized unit designed to be added to or used as part of an arrangement of similar units, as in furniture

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- 5.education a short course of study, esp of a vocational or technical subject, that together with other such <u>completed</u> <u>courses</u> can count towards a particular qualification

[C16: from Latin modulus, diminutive of modus mode ]

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#### module

1586, "allotted measure," from M.Fr. module, from L. modulus "small measure," dim. of modus "measure, manner" (see mode (1)). Meaning "interchangeable part" first recorded 1955; that of "separate section of a spacecraft" is from 1961.

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# module definition

1. An independent piece of <u>software</u> which forms part of one or more larger <u>programs</u>. Different languages have different concepts of a module but there are several common ideas. Modules are usually compiled seperately (in compiled languages) and provide an <u>abstraction</u> or information hiding mechanism so that a module's implementation can be changed without requiring any change to other modules. In this respect they are similar to <u>objects</u> in an <u>object-oriented language</u>, though a module may contain many <u>procedures</u> and/or <u>functions</u> which would correspond

to many objects.
A module often has its own <u>name space</u> for <u>identifiers</u> so the same identifier may be used to mean different things in different modules. [Difference from <u>package</u>?].

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