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What is a module?

- 4.astronautics any of several self-contained separable units making up a spacecraft or launch vehicle, each of which has one or more specified tasks: command module ; service module
- 5.education a short course of study, esp of a vocational or technical subject, that together with other such <u>completed courses</u> can count towards a particular qualification

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

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Word Origin & History

module

Etymonline

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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> ');if(\$j.browser.msie && \$j.browser.version <= 8){addEventListeners('300x249_4')}

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"The Eagle has landed."

-Neil Armstrong

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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>?].

 An independent assembly of electronic components with some distinct function, e.g. a RAM module consisting of several RAM chips mounted on a small circuit board. (1997-10-27)

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