

# NumPy

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Before we dive into new content, let's see if we can apply what we've learned to some *real* code documentation

# Class

Template for objects

Defines properties for objects  
(**attributes**)

Defines behaviors for objects  
(**methods**)

# Object

Instance of a class

Has attributes that are defined differently in each instance (using `__init__` method) or that are always inherited from the `Class`

```

8
9  class Words(Base):
10     """A class for collecting and analyzing words data for specified terms list(s).
11
12     Attributes
13     -----
14     results : list of Articles
15         Results of 'Words' data for each search term.
16     labels : list of str
17         ...
18
19
20
21
22  def __init__(self):
23     """Initialize LISC Words object."""
24
25     d
26
27     self.results = list()
28     self.meta_data = None
29

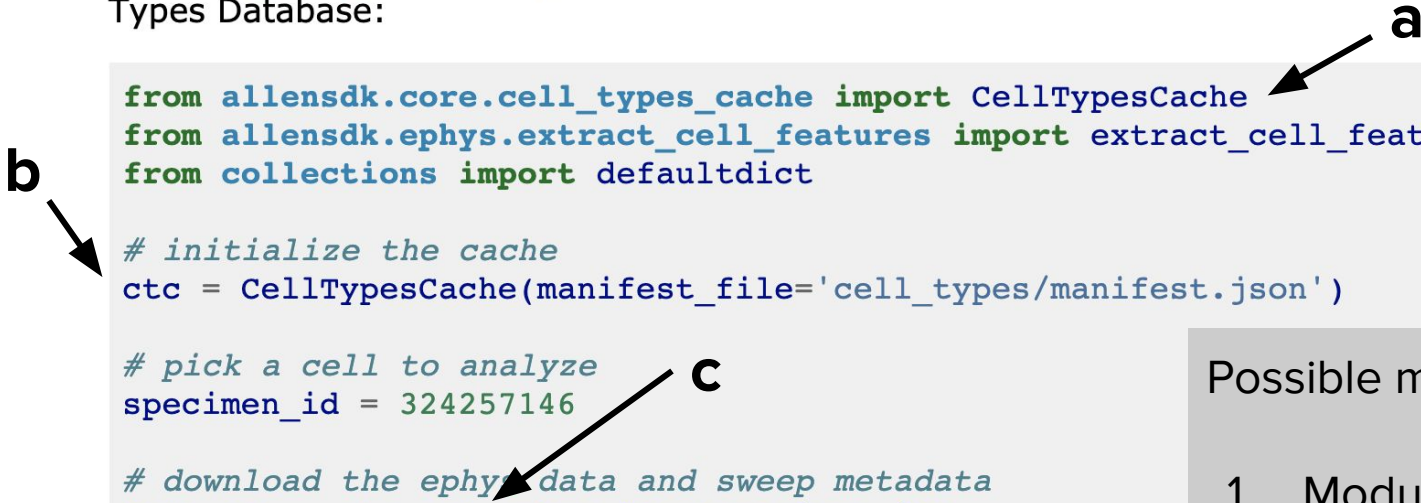
```

### Possible matches:

1. Method that will execute whenever a class instance is created
2. Inherited class
3. Name of the class we are defining here
4. Attributes that will update when class is initialized

# Feature Extraction

The **EphysFeatureExtractor** class calculates electrophysiology features from cell recordings. `extract_cell_features()` can be used to extract the precise feature values available in the Cell Types Database:



```
from allensdk.core.cell_types_cache import CellTypesCache
from allensdk.ephys.extract_cell_features import extract_cell_features
from collections import defaultdict

# initialize the cache
ctc = CellTypesCache(manifest_file='cell_types/manifest.json')

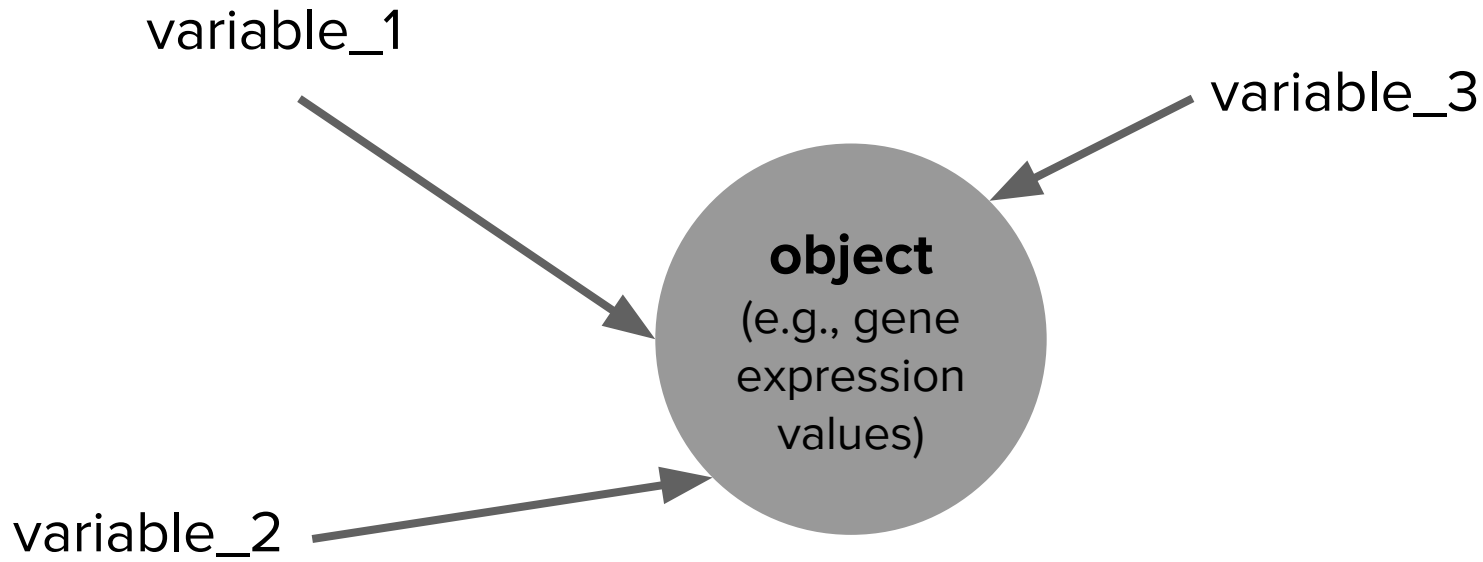
# pick a cell to analyze
specimen_id = 324257146

# download the ephys data and sweep metadata
data_set = ctc.get_ephys_data(specimen_id)
sweeps = ctc.get_ephys_sweeps(specimen_id)
```

Possible matches:

1. Modules we're importing
2. Executing method of class CellTypesCache
3. Instance of class CellTypesCache

From [https://alleninstitute.github.io/AllenSDK/cell\\_types.html](https://alleninstitute.github.io/AllenSDK/cell_types.html)



## Object-oriented programming

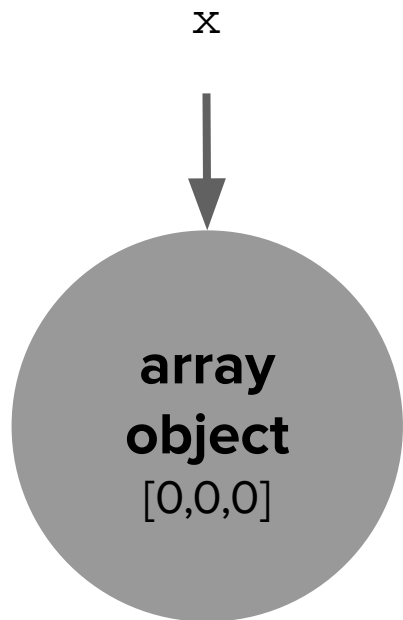
This is how Python containers typically work, but saving all of our data in lists isn't great for performance or memory.

NumPy is a tool for computing with big arrays, and is much more efficient.\*

\* for details, see this breakdown

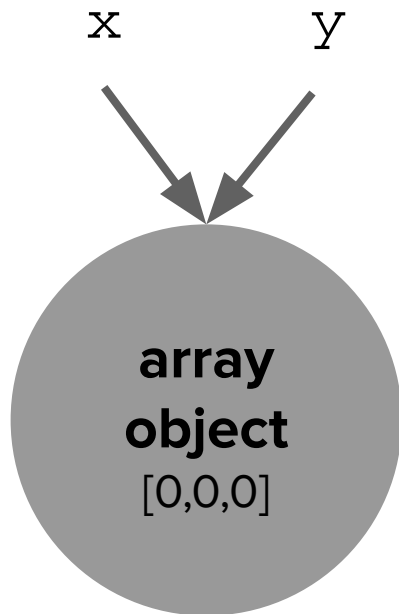
### STEP 1.

```
x = np.zeros(3)
```



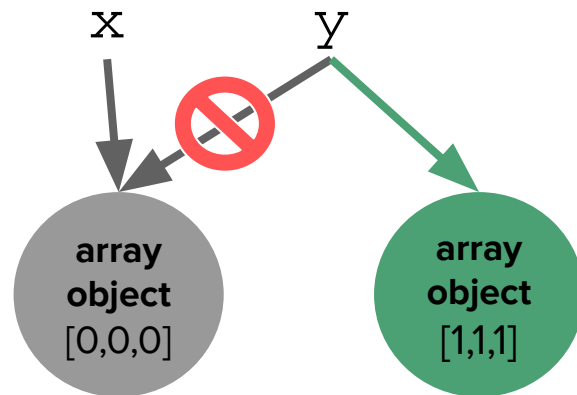
### STEP 2.

```
y = x
```



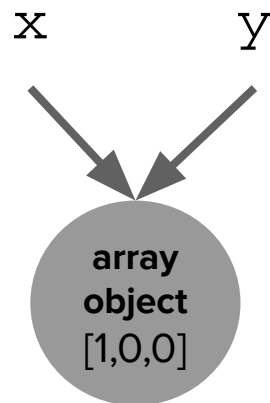
### STEP 3a.

```
y = y+1
```



### STEP 3b.

```
y[0] = y[0]+1
```



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- Install and import packages for Python
- Create NumPy arrays
- Execute methods & access attributes of arrays
- Demonstrate how images can be stored in arrays



Python supports **modular programming** in multiple ways.

**Functions** and **classes** are examples of tools for low-level modular programming.

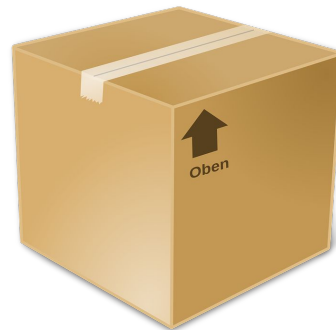
Python **modules** are a higher-level modular programming construct, where we can collect related variables, functions and classes in a module.

Modules are often bundled up into **packages**.

# Packages in Python

Python's standard library works for some purposes, but there are many very useful packages for additional purposes:

- **numpy** (<http://numpy.scipy.org>): numerical Python
- **scipy** (<http://www.scipy.org>): scientific Python; built on numpy
- **matplotlib** (<http://www.matplotlib.org>) graphics library



# Installing packages & importing modules

To install packages, use

```
$ pip install PACKAGE
```

We typically won't need to do this in the DataHub, because many packages have been installed into our container. However, you *may* need to do this for local notebook operation.

You can then import modules from the package with

```
>>> from PACKAGE import MODULE
```

to see all of the modules available, use

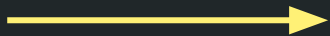
```
>>> print(dir(MODULE) )
```

| Module       | Built-In | Description  |
|--------------|----------|--|
| csv          | Yes      | Aids in the reading, writing, and analysis of CSV files.   |
| zipfile      | Yes      | Aids in the creation and extraction of compressed ZIP archive files.                               |
| matplotlib   | No       | Graphics library for plotting  |
| plotly       | No       | A graphics library used for creating interactive plots for the web.                                |
| seaborn      | No       | A graphics library built on top of matplotlib with high-quality plots                              |
| pandas       | No       | A data processing library that specializes in data frames, which are analogous to spreadsheets.    |
| scikit-learn | No       | Contains basic tools for machine learning (i.e., helping to learn from data and make predictions). |
| numpy        | No       | Offers highly efficient data processing.   |
| pygame       | No       | A game programming library that helps to build interactive, graphical games in Python.             |
| django       | No       | Web development library that aids in designing websites and web applications.                      |

Common Python modules — ones we'll work with are highlighted

# We're learning how to deal with more and more complex data

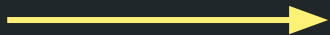
```
data_point = 8.02
```



**single variable**

(int, float,  
string)

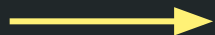
```
data = [8.38, 3.34, 6.35]
```



**data structure**

(list, tuple,  
dictionary)

```
big_data = [data_1, data_2, ...]
```



**array**

or **dataframe**

# NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing with Python

- A numpy **array** is a grid of values which are all the same type (they're **homogenous**)
- Useful attributes:
  - **ndim** = # of dimensions
  - **shape** = a tuple of integers giving the size of the array along each dimension
  - **dtype** = type of data

# Numpy Arrays

**my\_array** = 1D array

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|

```
my_array[0] = 3
```

```
my_array.ndim = 1
```

```
my_array.shape = (4,)
```

```
my_array.size = 4
```

2D array

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 |

how to index  
2D NumPy  
arrays

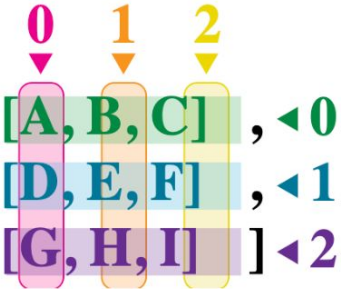


```
my_array[1,3] = 3
```

```
my_array.ndim = 2
```

```
my_array.shape = (2,4)
```

```
my_array.size = 8
```

**data** = [  , <0  
[D,E,F] , <1  
[G,H,I] ] <2

**data**[ 0, 0] = A   **data**[ 0, 1] = B   **data**[ 0, 2] = C  
**data**[ 1, 0] = D   **data**[ 1, 1] = E   **data**[ 1, 2] = F  
**data**[ 2, 0] = G   **data**[ 2, 1] = H   **data**[ 2, 2] = I

## Indexing numpy arrays

Image from [Programming with Python: Analyzing Patient Data](#)



Slicing & indexing NumPy arrays works *almost* the same as with Python lists

**However, be aware that if you slice an array, it changes the original array.**

If you need to copy, you need to explicitly do:

```
v3 = v[2:4].copy()
```

In this case, we would not change original array (v).

```
In [33]: v = np.random.random((5,4))  
v
```

```
Out[33]: array([[0.70782755, 0.1080363 , 0.63931318, 0.30594658],  
                [0.23089631, 0.58842692, 0.03879193, 0.56396161],  
                [0.92250973, 0.54564224, 0.89690301, 0.76679512],  
                [0.83668402, 0.18075749, 0.54652922, 0.03487156],  
                [0.48236452, 0.77258043, 0.61857768, 0.66614441]])
```

```
In [35]: v2 = v[2:4]  
v2
```

```
Out[35]: array([[0.92250973, 0.54564224, 0.89690301, 0.76679512],  
                [0.83668402, 0.18075749, 0.54652922, 0.03487156]])
```

```
In [37]: v2[1,3] = 2
```

```
In [38]: v
```

```
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                [0.92250973, 0.54564224, 0.89690301, 0.76679512],  
                [0.83668402, 0.18075749, 0.54652922, 2.          ],  
                [0.48236452, 0.77258043, 0.61857768, 0.66614441]])
```

You can also use **lists** & **booleans** to index NumPy arrays

`my_array[[1,2,3]]`

`my_array[my_array > 1]`

We can also use this to selectively operate on values in the array that meet our criteria:

`my_array[my_array > 1] = my_array[my_array > 1] * 2`

# Useful NumPy functions

`np.zeros()`

`np.empty()`

`np.linspace()`

`np.arange()`

`np.reshape()`

`np.random.random()`

`np.vstack()`

`np.hstack()`

`np.save()`

`np.load()`

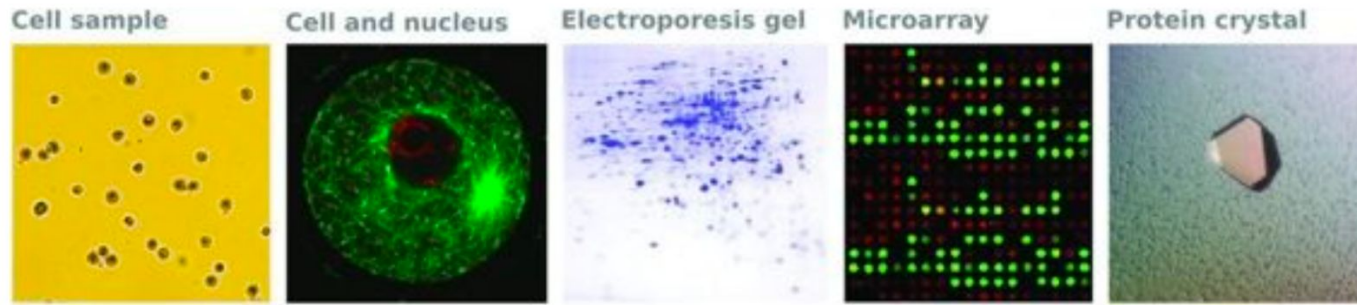
See [here](#) for a useful Numpy overview.

# Key NumPy takeaways

- Import a library into a program using `import libraryname`
- Use the NumPy library to work with arrays in Python.
- The expression `array.shape` gives the shape of an array.
- Use `array[x, y]` to select a single element from a 2D array.
- Array indices start at 0, not 1.
- Use `low:high` to specify a slice that includes the indices from low to high-1.
- Use `np.mean(array)`, `np.max(array)`, and `np.min(array)` to calculate simple statistics.
- Use `np.mean(array, axis=0)` or `np.mean(array, axis=1)` to calculate statistics across the specified axis.

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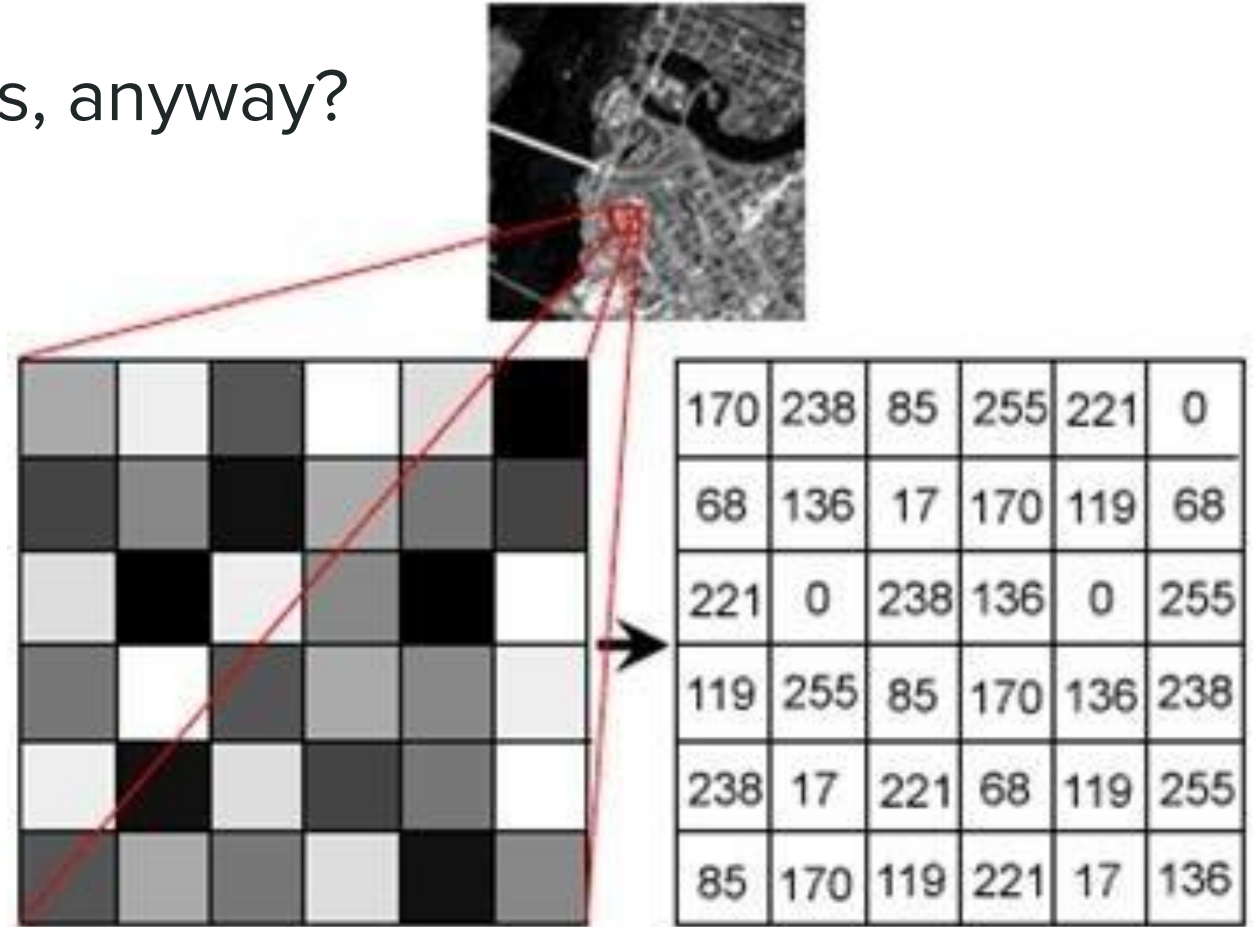
**Figure 18.1 (Plate 5). Examples of a variety of different kinds of images used in biology.** Shown from left to right are: a microscope image of a mammalian cell culture (courtesy Dr. Anja Winter, University of Leicester); a red-green fluorescence microscope image of an oocyte and its nucleus (courtesy Dr. Melina Schuh, MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology); a two-dimensional electrophoresis gel of a plant proteome (courtesy Prof. Paul Dupree, University of Cambridge); an image of a DNA microarray (courtesy Karen Howarth, University of Cambridge); a protein crystal that has been grown for structure determination by X-ray crystallography (courtesy Dr. Aleksandra Watson, University of Cambridge).

We use lots of images in biology

Figure from [Python Programming for Biology](#)

# What are images, anyway?

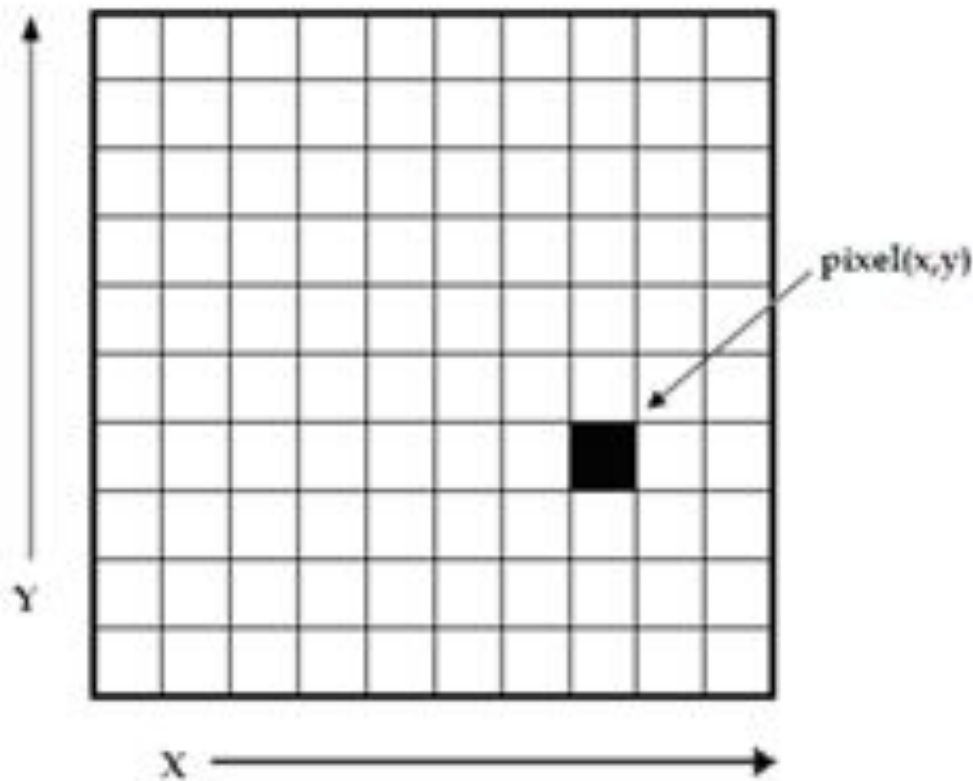
Gray scale images  
mean each pixel has  
just one value



# What are images, anyway?

Images can be  
represented as 2D  
NumPy arrays

By convention  $[0,0]$  is  
the top left corner





# Resources

Numerical & Scientific Computing with Python: Introduction into NumPy

Lecture-2-Numpy.ipynb

Programming with Python: Analyzing Patient Data

More about the comparison between Numpy arrays & NumPy

<https://webcourses.ucf.edu/courses/1249560/pages/python-lists-vs-numpy-arrays-what-is-the-difference>