Introduction to Programming (CS102) 2006/2007 — Practical 2

Work through the following sections. Seek assistance whenever needed. From http://schmidt.nuigalway.ie/cs102/python files with Python programs can be downloaded. Present your results to one of the demonstrators, so that a record of your achievements can be kept.

4. True or False?

- 1. The best way to write a program is to immediately write down some code and then debug it until it works.
- 2. An algorithm can be written without using a programming language.
- 3. Programs no longer require modication after they are written and debugged.
- 4. Python identifiers must start with a letter or underscore.
- 5. Reserved words make good variable names.
- 6. Expressions are built from literals, variables, and operators.
- 7. In Python, x = x + 1 is a legal statement.
- 8. Python does not allow the input of multiple values with a single statement.

5. Multiple Choice.

- 1. Which of the following is not a step in the software development process?
 - (a) Specification
 - (b) Testing/Debugging
 - (c) Fee setting
 - (d) Maintenance
- 2. What is the correct formula for converting Celsius to Fahrenheit?

 - (a) $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$ (b) $F = \frac{5}{9}C 32$

 - (c) $F = B^2 4AC$ (d) $F = \frac{212 32}{100 9}$
- 3. The process of describing exactly what a computer program will do to solve a problem is called
 - (a) design
 - (b) implementation
 - (c) programming
 - (d) specification
- 4. Which of the following is not a legal identifier?
 - (a) text (b) tExt (c) 2text (d) text4U
- 5. Which of the following are not used in expressions?
 - (a) variables
 - (b) statements
 - (c) operators

- (d) literals
- 6. A fragment of code that produces or calculates a new data value is called
 - (a) identifier
 - (b) expression
 - (c) productive clause
 - (d) assignment statement

6. Programming Exercises.

- 1. In the following copy of the chaos.py program, identify the parts of the program as follows:
 - Circle each identier.
 - Underline each expression.
 - Put a comment at the end of each line indicating the type of statement on that line (output, assignment, input, loop, etc.)

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# File: chaos.py
# A simple program illustrating chaotic behavior.

def main():
    print "This program illustrates a chaotic function"
    x = input("Enter a number between 0 and 1: ")
    for i in range(10):
        x = 3.9 * x * (1 - x)
        print x
main()
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- 2. A user-friendly program should print an introduction that tells the user what the program does. Modify the convert.py program to print an introduction.
- 3. Modify the avg2.py program to find the average of three exam scores.
- 4. Modify the convert.py program with a loop so that it executes 5 times before quitting (i.e., it converts 5 temperatures in a row).
- 5. Write a program that converts temperatures from Fahrenheit to Celsius.
- 6. Write a program that converts distances measured in kilometers to miles. One kilometer is approximately 0.62 miles.
- 7. Write a program that converts feet and inches into centimetres. Find a suitable formula on the internet, e.g., on the Wikipedia page on imperial units at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_unit.
- 8. Write a program to perform a unit conversion of your own choosing. Make sure that the program prints an introduction that explains what it does.