

Let's Learn Python!

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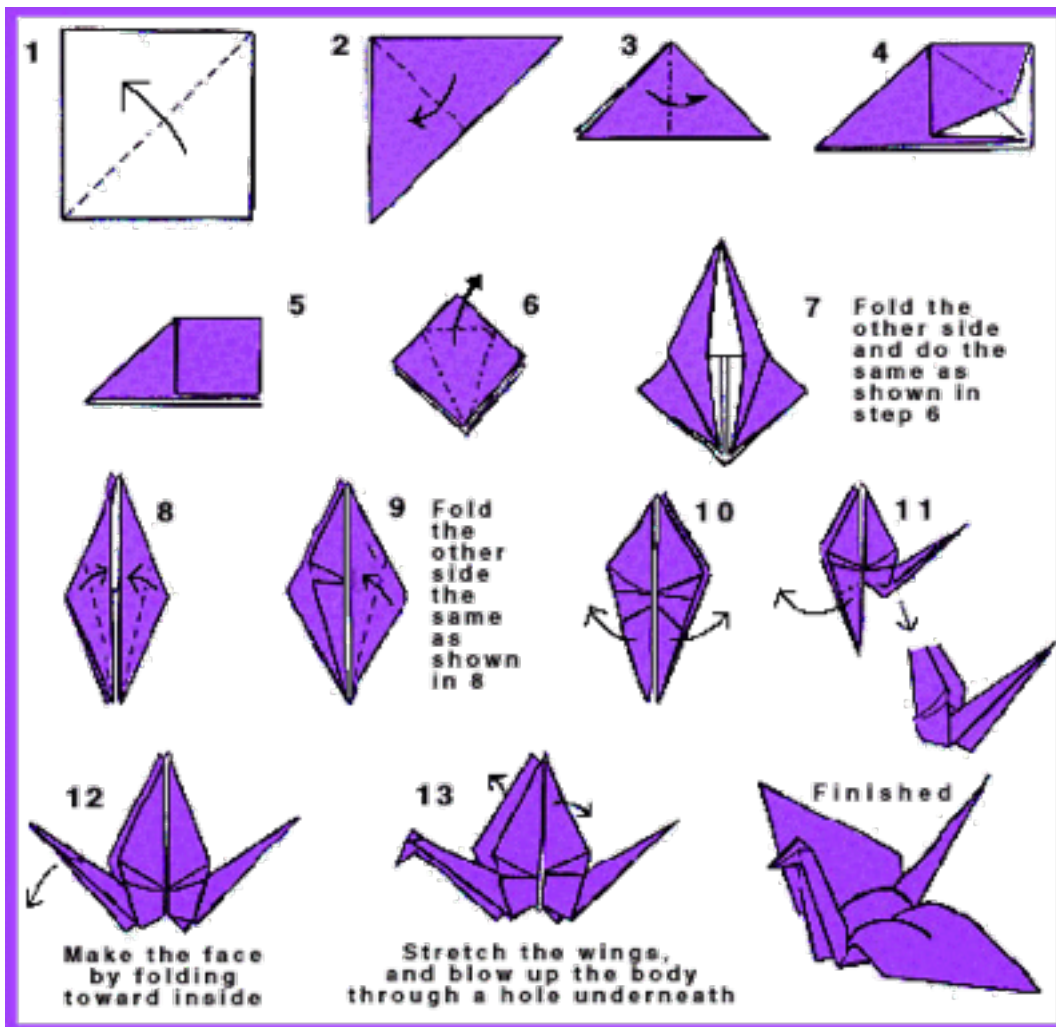
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What is programming?

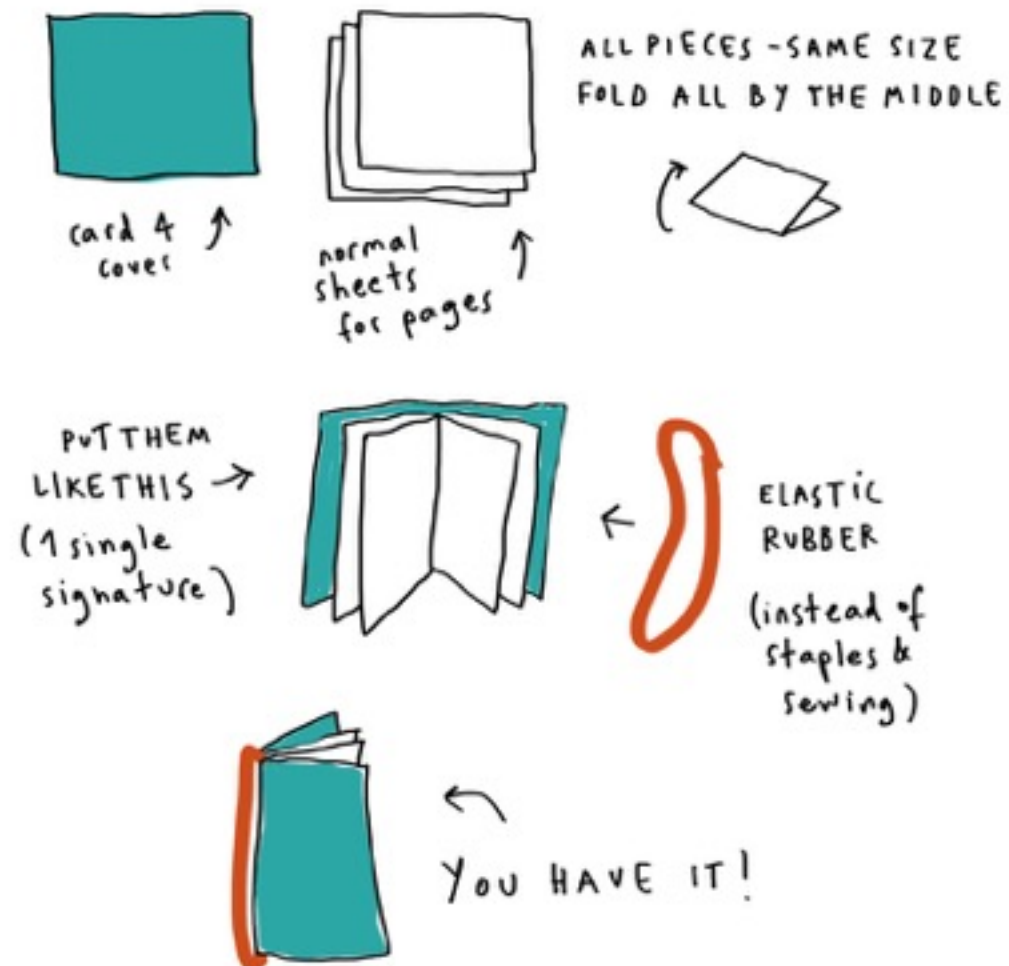
- A problem to solve
- A solution to the problem
- The solution translated into a language the computer can understand

- ★ A computer is a machine that stores pieces of information.
- ★ A computer also moves, arranges, and controls that information (or *data*).
- ★ A program is a detailed set of instructions that tells a computer what to do with data.



SUPER-EASY BIND

NO GLUE, NO SCISSORS, NO NEEDLE, NO RULES



Sugar Cookies

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

10 minutes

Ingredients:

2/3 cup margarine

3/4 cup sugar

1 egg

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

4 teaspoon milk

Instructions

Combine margarine, sugar, egg, and vanilla. Separately, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Combine two mixtures along with milk.

Chill 1 hour before baking

Roll out dough to about a 1/4 of an inch thickness and cut out cookies.

Algorithms

97 Simple Steps to a PB&J

Is making PB&J difficult?

How many steps does it feel like?

Let's talk to Python!

Math

Try doing some math at the prompt:

>>> 1 + 2

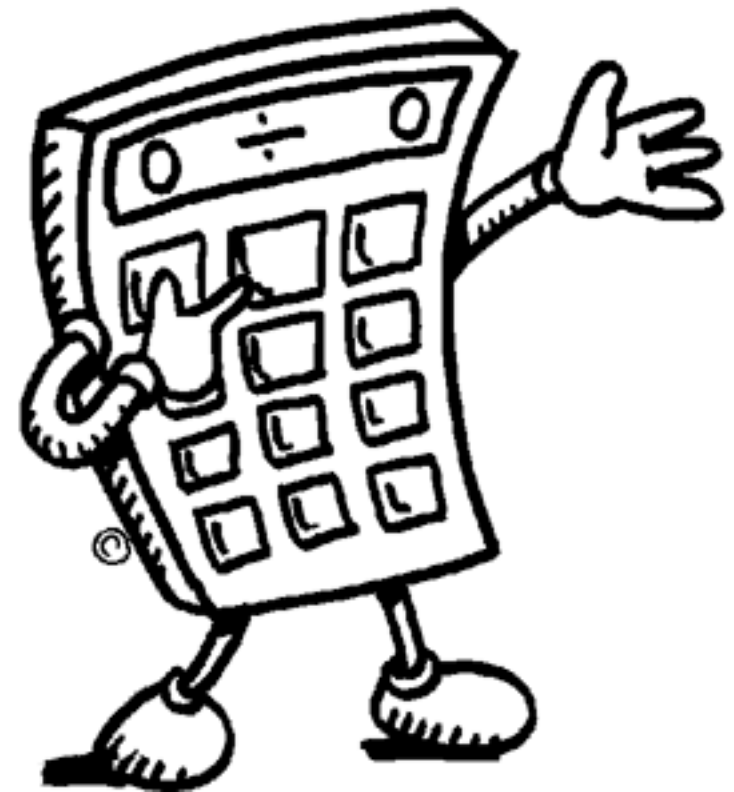
>>> 12 - 3

>>> 9 + 5 - 15

Operators:

add: +

subtract: -



Math

More operators:

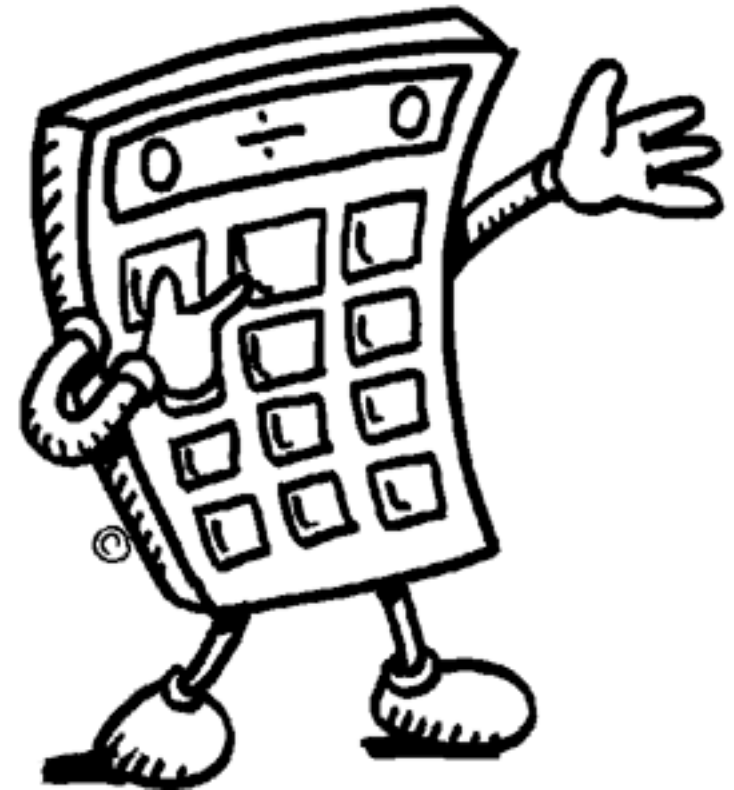
divide: /

multiply: *

```
>>> 6 * 5
```

```
>>> 6 / 2
```

```
>>> 10 * 5 * 3
```



Math

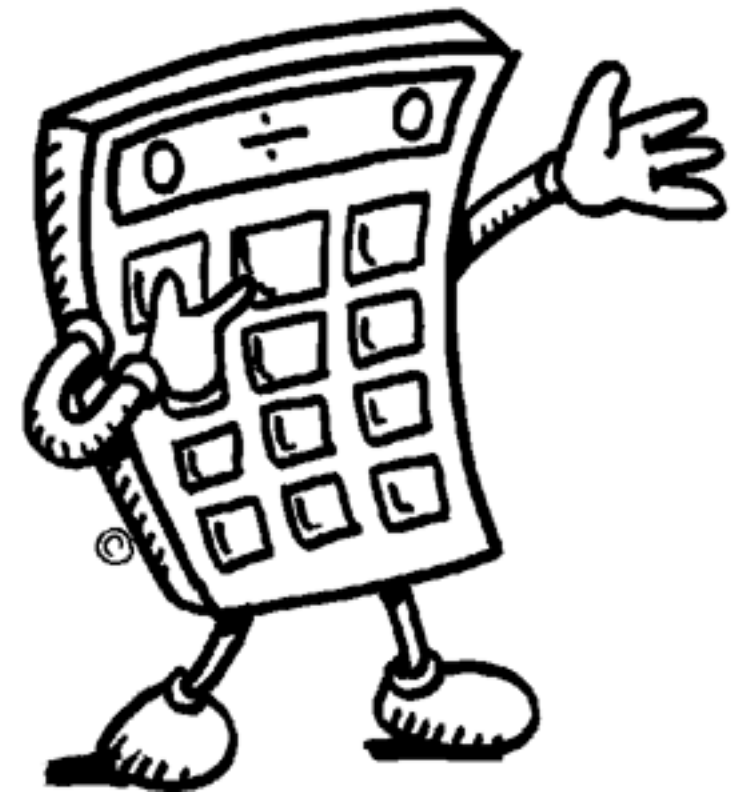
Try some more division:

>>> 8 / 5

>>> 20 / 7

>>> 10 / 3

Are you getting the
results you expected?



Math

Integers: 9, -55

Floats (decimals): 17.31, 10.0

```
>>> 10 / 3
```

3

```
>>> 10 / 3.0
```

3.3333333333333335

```
>>> 10 / 2
```

5

```
>>> 10.0 / 2
```

5.0

★ Rule: If you want Python to answer in floats, you must talk to it in floats.

Math

Comparison operators:

<code>==</code>	Equal to
<code>!=</code>	Not equal to
<code><</code>	Less than
<code>></code>	Greater than
<code><=</code>	Less than or equal to
<code>>=</code>	Greater than or equal to

Math

Practice:

>>> 5 < 4 + 3

>>> 12 + 1 >= 12

>>> 16 * 2 == 32

>>> 16 != 16

>>> 5 >= 6

==

Equal to

!=

Not equal to

<

Less than

>

Greater than

<=

Less than or equal to

>=

Greater than or equal to

Math

Practice:

```
>>> 5 < 4 + 3
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 12 + 1 >= 12
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 16 * 2 == 32
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 16 != 16
```

```
False
```

```
>>> 5 >= 6
```

```
False
```

Strings

Strings

Examples:

```
>>> "garlic breath"
```

```
>>> "Hello!"
```

Try typing one without quotes:

```
>>> apple
```

What's the result?

★ Rule:
A string must be in quotes

```
>>> "apple"
```

```
>>> "What's for lunch?"
```

```
>>> "3 + 5"
```

Strings

String operators:

concatenation: +

multiplication: *

Try concatenating: `>>> "Hi" + "there!"`

Try multiplying: `>>> "HAHA" * 250`

Strings: Indexes

Strings are made up of **characters**:

```
>>> "H" + "e" + "l" + "l" + "o"  
'Hello'
```

Each character has a position called an *index*:

H	e	l	l	o
0	1	2	3	4

In Python, indexes start at **0**

Strings: Indexes

```
>>> print "Hello"[0]
```

```
H
```

```
>>> print "Hello"[4]
```

```
>>> print "Hey, Bob!"[4]
```

```
>>> print "Hey, Bob!"[6-1]
```

Strings: Indexes

Rules:

- ★ Each character's position is called its *index*.
- ★ Indexes start at 0.
- ★ Spaces inside the string are counted.

Variables

Variables

Calculate a value:

```
>>> 12 * 12  
144
```

How can you save that value?

Give the value a name:

```
>>> donuts = 12 * 12  
>>> donuts  
144
```

Variables

Create a variable
and give it a value:

```
>>> color = "yellow"  
>>> color  
'yellow'
```

Now assign a
new value:

```
>>> color = "red"  
>>> color  
'red'
```

```
>>> color = "fish"  
>>> color = 12
```


Variables

- ★ Calculate once, keep the result to use later
- ★ Keep the same name, change the value

Variables

Some other things we can do with variables:

Math operations

```
>>> donuts = 12 * 12  
>>> fishes = 3  
>>> fishes + donuts
```

String operations

```
>>> color = "yellow"  
>>> day = "Monday"  
>>> color + day  
>>> color * fishes  
>>> color + day * fishes
```

Variables

More things we can do with variables:

Get an index
from a string:

```
>>> fruit = "watermelon"  
>>> print fruit[2]
```

Do some math
to get the index:

```
>>> mynumber = 3  
>>> print fruit[mynumber-2]
```

Variables

Assigning values or making comparisons?

```
>>> fruit = "watermelon"
```

```
>>> 5 = 6
```

```
>>> fruit == "watermelon"
```

```
>>> 5 == 6
```

Errors

Errors

```
>>> "friend" * 5  
'friendfriendfriendfriendfriend'
```

```
>>> "friend" + 5
```

```
Error
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: cannot concatenate 'str' and 'int' objects
```

Do you remember what 'concatenate' means?

What do you think 'str' and 'int' mean?

Errors

```
>>> "friend" + 5
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
TypeError: cannot concatenate 'str' and 'int' objects  
^               ^               ^               ^
```

- Strings: 'str'
- Integers: 'int'
- Both are objects
- Python cannot concatenate objects of different *types*

Errors

How can we fix this error?
Concatenation won't work.

```
>>> "friend" + 5  
Error
```

What if we make 5 a string?

```
>>> "friend" + "5"  
friend5
```

What's another way that we
could fix this error?

Let's do something new with
the `print` command:

```
>>> print "friend", 5  
friend 5
```


Types of data

Data types

We already know about three types of data:

"Hi!"	string
27	integer
15.238	float

Python can tell us about types using the `type()` function:

```
>>> type("Hi!")  
<type 'str'>
```

Can you get Python to output `int` and `float` types?

Data type: Booleans

Booleans

A Boolean value can be: `True` **or** `False`.

Is 1 equal to 1? `>>> 1 == 1`
`True`

Is 15 less than 5? `>>> 15 < 5`
`False`

Booleans

What happens when we type
Boolean values in the
interpreter?

```
>>> True
>>> False
```

When the words 'True' and
'False' begin with *upper case*
letters, Python knows to
treat them like Booleans
instead of strings or integers.

```
>>> true
>>> false
>>> type(True)
>>> type("True")
```

Booleans

and

If both are True: `>>> 1==1 and 2==2`
True

If only one is True: `>>> 1==1 and 2==3`
False

If both are False: `>>> 1==2 and 2==3`
False

Booleans

or

If both are True: $>>> 1==1 \text{ **or** } 2==2$
True

If only one is True: $>>> 1==1 \text{ **or** } 2!=2$
True

If both are False: $>>> 1==2 \text{ **or** } 2==3$
False

Booleans

not

You can use the word
not to reverse the
answer that Python gives:

```
>>> 1==1
```

```
True
```

```
>>> not 1==1
```

```
False
```

Any expression that is
True can become False:

```
>>> not True
```

```
False
```


Booleans

You can also use booleans in their own expressions:

```
>>> True and True
```

```
>>> True and False
```

```
>>> False and False
```

```
>>> True or True
```

```
>>> False or True
```

```
>>> False or False
```

```
>>> not True and True
```

```
>>> not True or True
```

Booleans: Practice

Try some of these expressions in your interpreter.

See if you can predict what answers Python will give back.

```
>>> True and True
>>> False and True
>>> 1 == 1 and 2 == 1
>>> "test" == "test"
>>> 1 == 1 or 2 != 1
>>> True and 1 == 1
>>> False and 0 != 0
>>> True or 1 == 1
>>> "test" == "tests"
>>> 1 != 0 and 2 == 1
```

Data type: Lists

Lists

List: a sequence of objects

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> numbers = [3, 17, -4, 8.8, 1]
```

Guess what this will output:

```
>>> type(fruit)
```

```
>>> type(numbers)
```

Lists

List: a sequence of objects

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> numbers = [3, 17, -4, 8.8, 1]
```

Guess what this will output:

```
>>> type(fruit)  
<type 'list'>
```

```
>>> type(numbers)  
<type 'list'>
```

Lists

Index: Where an item is in the list

```
>>> fruit = ["apple", "banana", "grape"]  
>>> fruit[0]  
'apple'
```

```
['apple', 'banana', 'grape']  
  0         1         2
```

Python always starts at zero!

Lists

Make a **list** of three of your favorite colors.

Use an **index** to print your favorite color's name.

Lists

Make a **list** of three of your favorite colors.

```
>>> colors = ['red', 'orange', 'purple']
```

Use an **index** to print your favorite color's name.

```
>>> print colors[1]
```


Logic

if Statements

if Statements

Making decisions: "If you're hungry, let's eat lunch."

"If the trash is full, go empty it."

If a condition is met,
perform an action:

```
>>> name = "Katie"  
>>> if name == "Katie":  
    print "Hi Katie!"
```

Hi Katie!

if Statements

Adding a choice:

"If you're hungry, let's eat lunch.
Or else we can eat in an hour."

"If there's mint ice cream, I'll have a scoop.
Or else I'll take vanilla."

Adding a choice in
our code with the
else clause:

```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
    else:  
        print "Impostor!"
```

if Statements

Adding many
choices:

"If there's mint ice cream, I'll have a scoop.
Or **else** if we have vanilla, I'll have 2!
Or **else** if there's chocolate, give me 3!
Or I'll just have a donut."

Adding more
choices in our code
with the *elif* clause:

```
>>> if name == "Katie":  
        print "Hi Katie!"  
    elif name == "Barbara":  
        print "Hi Barbara!"  
    else:  
        print "Who are you?"
```

if Statements

if/elif/else practice

Write an if statement that prints "Yay!" if the variable named `color` is equal to "yellow".

Add an *elif* clause and an *else* clause to print two different messages for other values of the variable.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> name = "Katie"
>>> if name == "Katie":
        print "Hi Katie!"
    elif name == "Barbara":
        print "Hi Barbara!"
    else:
        print "Who are you?"
```

if Statements

if/elif/else practice

Write an if statement that prints "Yay!" if the variable named color is equal to "yellow".

Add an *elif* clause and an *else* clause to print two different messages for other values of the variable.

```
>>> color = "blue"
>>> if color == "yellow":
    print "Yay!"
elif color == "purple":
    print "Try again!"
else:
    print "We want yellow!"
```

Loops

Loops

Loops are chunks of code that repeat a task over and over again.

★ *Counting* loops repeat a certain number of times.

★ *Conditional* loops keep going until a certain thing happens (or as long as some condition is True).



Loops

Counting loops repeat a certain number of times - they keep going until they get to the end of a count.

```
>>> for mynum in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]:  
        print "Hello", mynum
```

```
Hello 1  
Hello 2  
Hello 3  
Hello 4  
Hello 5
```

The *for* keyword is used to create this kind of loop, so it is usually just called a *for loop*.

Loops

Conditional loops repeat until something happens (or as long as some condition is True).

```
>>> count = 0
>>> while (count < 4):
    print 'The count is:', count
    count = count + 1

The count is: 0
The count is: 1
The count is: 2
The count is: 3
```

The *while* keyword is used to create this kind of loop, so it is usually just called a *while loop*.

Functions

Functions

Remember our PB&J example?

Which looks easier?:

1. Get bread
2. Get knife
4. Open peanut butter
3. Put peanut butter on knife
4. Spread peanut butter on bread
5. ...

1. Make PB&J

Functions are a way to *group* instructions.

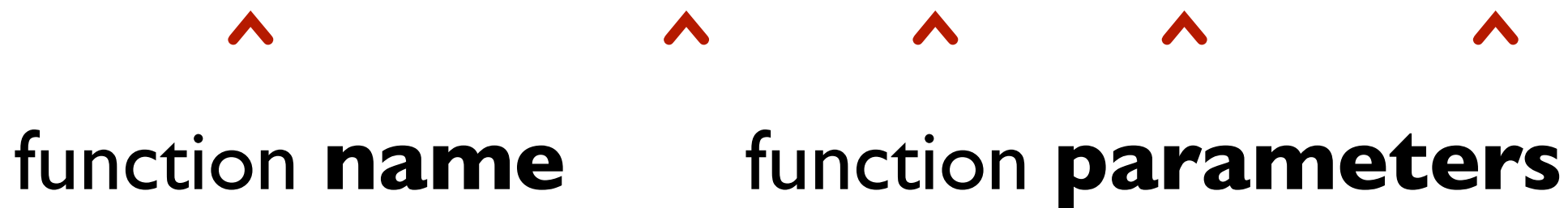
Functions

What it's like in our minds:

“Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.”

In Python, you could say it like this:

```
make_pbj (bread, pb, jam, knife)
```



function name

function parameters

Functions

What if we wanted to make many kinds of sandwiches?

“Make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.”

“Make a cheese and mustard sandwich.”

In Python, it could be expressed as:

```
make_sandwich(bread, filling, toppings)
```



function name







function parameters

Functions

Let's define a function in the interpreter:

```
>>> def say_hello():  
        print 'Hello'
```

Now we'll call the function:

```
>>> say_hello()  
Hello
```


Functions

Let's define a function with parameters:

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
        print 'Hello', myname
```

```
>>> say_hello("Katie")  
Hello Katie
```

```
>>> say_hello("Barbara")  
Hello Barbara
```

Functions

A few things to know about functions ...

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
        print 'Hello', myname
```

`def` This is a **keyword**

We use this to let Python know that we're defining a function.

`myname` This is a **parameter** (and a **variable**).

We use this to represent values in the function.

`print ...` This is the **body**

This is where we say what the function *does*.

Functions: Practice

1. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that **doubles a number** and prints it out.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> def say_hello(myname):  
      print 'Hello', myname
```

Functions: Practice

1. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that **doubles a number** and prints it out.

```
>>> def double(number):  
        print number * 2
```

```
>>> double(14)  
28
```

```
>>> double("hello")  
hellohello
```

Functions: Practice

2. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that takes **two numbers**, multiplies them together, and prints out the result.

(Here's our last example)

```
>>> def double(number):  
        print number * 2
```

```
>>> double(14)  
28
```

Functions: Practice

2. Work alone or with a neighbor to create a function that takes **two numbers**, multiplies them together, and prints out the result.

```
>>> def multiply(num1, num2):  
        print num1 * num2
```

```
>>> multiply(4, 5)  
20
```

```
>>> multiply("hello", 5)  
hellohellohellohellohello
```

Functions: Output

`print` displays something
to the screen.

```
>>> def double(number):  
      print number * 2
```

We call the function,
passing it the number 12:

```
>>> double(12)  
24
```

We call the function again,
passing it the number 12
and assigning it to the
variable `new_number`:

```
>>> new_number = double(12)  
24
```

But what happens here?

```
>>> new_number
```

Functions: Output

This time let's use `return`
instead of `print`.

```
>>> def double(number):  
      return number * 2
```

We call the function,
passing it the number 12:

```
>>> double(12)  
24
```

We call the function again,
passing it the number 12
assigning the value to the
variable `new_number`:

```
>>> new_number = double(12)  
24
```

Now what happens here?

```
>>> new_number
```


Functions

- ★ Functions are **defined** using **def**.
- ★ Functions are **called** using **parentheses**.
- ★ Functions take **parameters** and can return **outputs**.
- ★ `print` *displays* information, but does not give a value
- ★ `return` gives a **value** to the caller (that's you!)

Input

Input

Input is information we pass to a function so that we can do something with it.

In this example, the string “Katie” is the input, represented by the variable myname.

```
>>> def hello_there(myname):  
        print "Hello", myname
```

```
>>> hello_there("Katie")  
'Hello there Katie'
```

Input

The `raw_input()` function takes *input* from the user - you give that input to the function by typing it.

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    print "Type your name:"  
    name = raw_input()  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

Input

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    print "Type your name:"  
    name = raw_input()  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

```
>>> hello_there()
```

Type your name:

Barbara

Hi Barbara how are you?

Input

A shortcut:

```
>>> def hello_there():  
    name = raw_input("Type your name: ")  
    print "Hi", name, "how are you?"
```

```
>>> hello_there()
```

```
Type your name: Barbara
```

```
Hi Barbara how are you?
```

Modules

Modules



A module is a block of code that can be combined with other blocks to build a program.

You can use different combinations of modules to do different jobs, just like you can combine the same LEGO blocks in many different ways.

Modules

Lots of modules are included in the Python Standard Library.
Here's how you can use a few of these modules:

Generate a random number between 1-100:	<pre>>>> import random >>> print random.randint(1,100)</pre>
--	--

What time zone does your computer think it's in?:	<pre>>>> import time >>> time.tzname</pre>
--	--

Print a calendar for this month!:	<pre>>>> import calendar >>> calendar.prmonth(2015, 4)</pre>
--------------------------------------	--

Modules

Print the names
of all the files in
a directory:

```
>>> import os
>>> for file in os.listdir("/home/pi"):
    print file
```

Open a web
page and read it:

```
>>> import urllib
>>> myurl =
    urllib.urlopen('http://www.python.org')
>>> print myurl.read()
```

Modules

Turtles!

```
>>> import turtle
>>> turtle.reset()
>>> turtle.forward(20)
>>> turtle.right(20)
>>> turtle.forward(20)
>>> turtle.bye()
```

You can find out about other modules at: <http://docs.python.org>

Let's make a game!

Games!

Open a new window (File > New Window) and type these lines:

```
secret_number = 7

guess = input("What number am I thinking of? ")

if secret_number == guess:
    print "Yay! You got it."
else:
    print "No, that's not it."
```

From the menu, choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess.py'.
What do you see in the interpreter?

Games!

Open a new window (File > New Window) and type these lines:

```
from random import randint

secret_number = randint(1, 10)

while True:
    guess = input("What number am I thinking of? ")

    if secret_number == guess:
        print "Yay! You got it."
        break
    else:
        print "No, that's not it."
```

Choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess2.py'.
What do you see in the interpreter?

Games!

Open a new window (File > New Window) and type these lines:

```
from random import randint

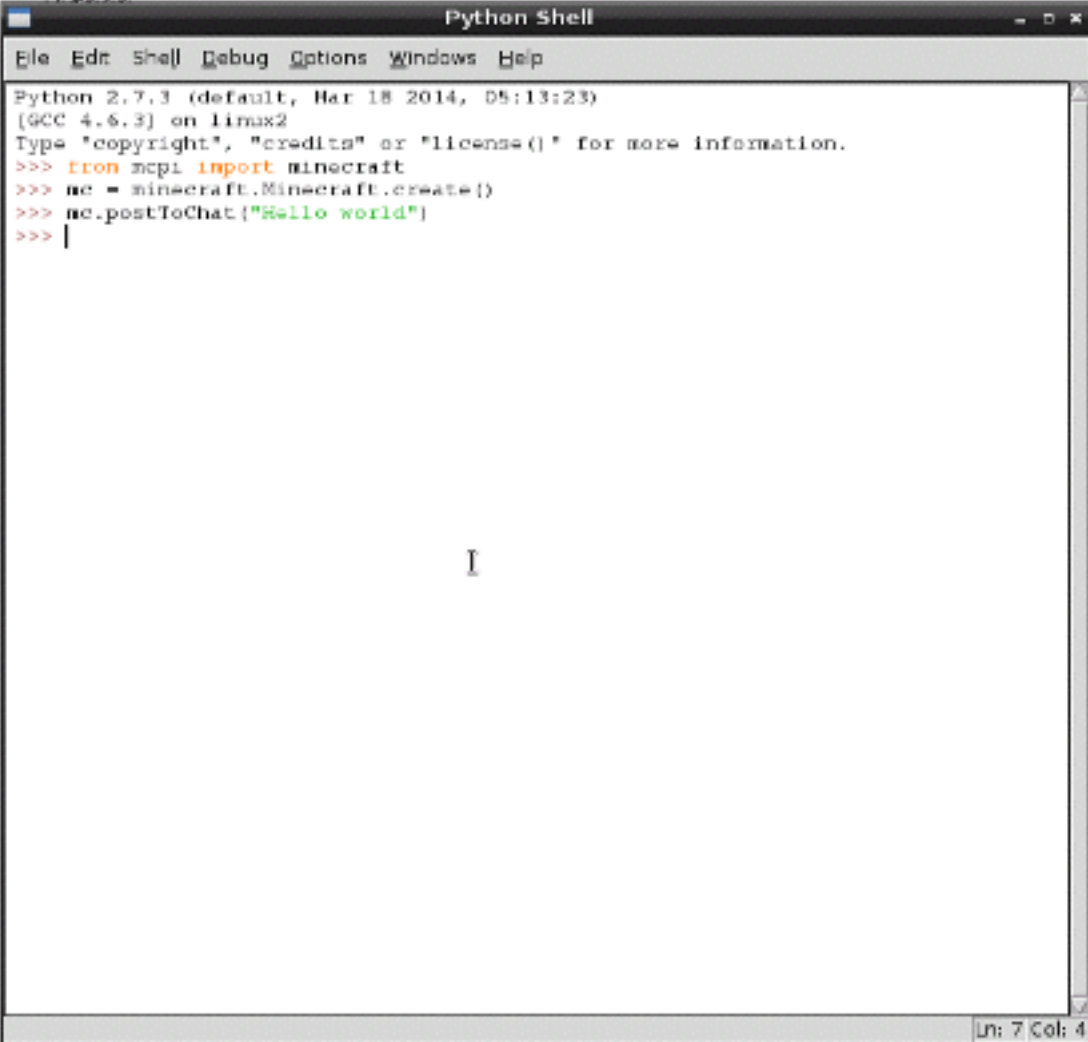
secret_number = randint(1, 10)

while True:
    guess = input("What number am I thinking of? ")

    if secret_number == guess:
        print "Yay! You got it."
        break
    elif secret_number > guess:
        print "No, that's too low."
    else:
        print "No, that's too high."
```

Choose Run > Run Module. Save as 'guess3.py'.
What do you see in the interpreter?

Minecraft!



A screenshot of a Python Shell window titled "Python Shell". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Shell", "Debug", "Options", "Windows", and "Help". The text inside the shell shows the following code being executed:

```
Python 2.7.3 (default, Mar 18 2014, 05:13:23)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>> from mcpi import minecraft
>>> mc = minecraft.Minecraft.create()
>>> mc.postToChat("Hello world")
>>>
```

The status bar at the bottom right of the window indicates "Ln: 7 Col: 4".



Minecraft!

```
>>> from mcpi import minecraft
```

```
>>> mc = minecraft.Minecraft.create()
```

```
>>> mc.postToChat("Hello world")
```

```
>>> pos = mc.player.getPos()
```

```
>>> print pos.x, pos.y, pos.z
```

```
>>> mc.player.setPos(pos.x, pos.y+100, pos.z)
```

```
>>> mc.setBlock(pos.x+1, pos.y, pos.z, 1) (Air: 0, Grass: 2, Dirt: 3)
```

Minecraft!

```
>>> from mcpi import block
```

```
>>> dirt = block.DIRT.id
```

```
>>> mc.setBlock(x, y, z, dirt)
```

```
>>> stone = block.STONE.id
```

```
>>> mc.setBlocks(x+1, y+1, z+1, x+11, y+11, z+11, stone)
```

```
>>> tnt = 46
```

```
>>> mc.setBlocks(x+1, y+1, z+1, x+11, y+11, z+11, tnt)
```

```
>>> mc.setBlocks(x+1, y+1, z+1, x+11, y+11, z+11, tnt, 1)
```

Congratulations!

You're now a Pythonista!

What can YOU do with Python?

- Make more games
- Edit music and videos
- Build web sites
- Write a program that does your homework for you ...
- What are some other ideas?

Raspberry Pi

Help setting up your new computer:

<http://www.raspberrypi.org/quick-start-guide>

Minecraft on your new Raspberry Pi:

<https://www.raspberrypi.org/learning/getting-started-with-minecraft-pi/worksheet/>

<http://www.stuffaboutcode.com/p/minecraft-api-reference.html>