

COMP120: Creative Computing: Tinkering 1: Python, Pairs, & PyGame



Learning Outcomes

- Explain the role and basic functions of the IDE
- Produce some basic Python programs
- Apply pair programming practices to solve simple problems







Continuing Professional Development

- Games industry is fast-moving
- Learning does not end at school and university
- A goal of this course is to facilitate your development as self-regulated learners
- Gradually, more independence across each year of study
- This is a science degree, which means you will become a producer of knowledge, not just a consumer of knowledge!



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- ▶ It isn't easy!
- Many of you will encounter programming anxiety
- Some will experience a sense of fear or a sense of hopelessness — it is more common than you think
- Some will need more support than others this isn't a bad thing
- Everyone who puts in the time and effort will eventually achieve mastery





The PyCharm IDE





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- Subsequent runs: click the ▶ button





Basic Python programs



Your first Python program

```
print "Hello, world!"
```



Your second Python program

```
print "This is a very long line of code which had to ←
   be split to fit on the slide, but you should type ←
   it as a single line."
print "This is the second line of code."
```



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 - PyCharm inserts 4 spaces by default when you press the tab key; other IDEs and text editors can be configured to do this

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Order of operations: **BIDMAS**

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- Can also use range instead of xrange, but range is less efficient
 - Homework (advanced): what is the difference between range and xrange?

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Looping forever

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These are enough to write some simple programs, but you will see several more in coming weeks...









Pair programming is an agile software development technique in which two programmers work together at one workstation.

One, the driver, writes code while the other, the observer or navigator, reviews each line of code as it is typed in.

The two programmers switch roles frequently.



Watch the video at:

```
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ET3Q6zNK3Io (5 minutes)
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Review the guidelines at:

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http://www.pairprogramming.co.uk/
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Pair Programming Challenge

- In pairs
- Implement the code excerpt
- Fix the errors in the code excerpt
- Modify the code excerpt to incorporate functions and arguments
- ▶ Post your solution to the #comp120 slack channel

You can learn more about functions and arguments at:

```
https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/controlflow.html#defining-functions
```

(20 minutes)

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The function:

```
def madlib()
```

Should become:

```
def madlib(name, pet, verb, snack)
```

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```
def madlib():
    name = 'Link'
    line2 = ' with ' + pet + ', a trained dragon.'
    line5 = name + ' complained. Where am I going to \leftrightarrow
    line6 = 'Then ' + name + 'found a wizard's wand.'
    line 7 = 'With a wave of the wand, '
    line9 = 'Perhaps surprisingly, ' + pet + ' ' +
```



Stretch Goal — PyGame

- In pairs
- Incorporate your code into the PyGame framework
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```
import pygame
pygame.init()
screen = pygame.display.set_mode((640, 480))
font = pygame.font.SysFont(None, 14)
text = font.render(madlib(), True, (0, 128, 0))
while not done:
    for event in pygame.event.get():
        if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
            done = True
        if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key ←
            == pygame.K_ESCAPE:
            done = True
    screen.fill((255, 255, 255))
    screen.blit(text,(0,0))
    pygame.display.flip()
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