

# **Terminal and GitHub Basics, Python Refresher**

**Programming Psychology Experiments**

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# The plan for today

1. Gentle introduction to **Terminal/Git Bash** commands
2. Finish setting up the connection between your computer and **GitHub**
3. **Python refresher**: Loops, lists, dictionaries, functions

# Class roster

Go to <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XT9sPISpiC96Yhe34JNF8yhlZyRwKWZ8wSZt0tJcRSE/edit?usp=sharing>

Enter your name, email address, academic background, and GitHub username (GitHub homepage column updates automatically)



# Terminal & Git Bash

# Terminal basics

The **Terminal** (on Mac and Linux) and **Git Bash** (on Windows) are applications that allow you to interact with your operating system by **typing commands** instead of **visualizing folders + clicking**

In this class, you will need the Terminal to:

- Run python scripts
- Link your computer to GitHub

```
Barbu@Mac % python script.py
```

```
Barbu@Mac % git add .  
Barbu@Mac % git commit -m "Changed X"  
Barbu@Mac % git push origin
```

# Terminal basics: `pwd`

The Terminal always opens in a **working directory** (by default, the user directory), just like your GUI File Explorer

To find out which directory you are currently in, type in `pwd` (**p**rint **w**orking **d**irectory)

```
Barbu@Mac % pwd  
/Users/Barbu/
```

# Terminal basics: `ls`

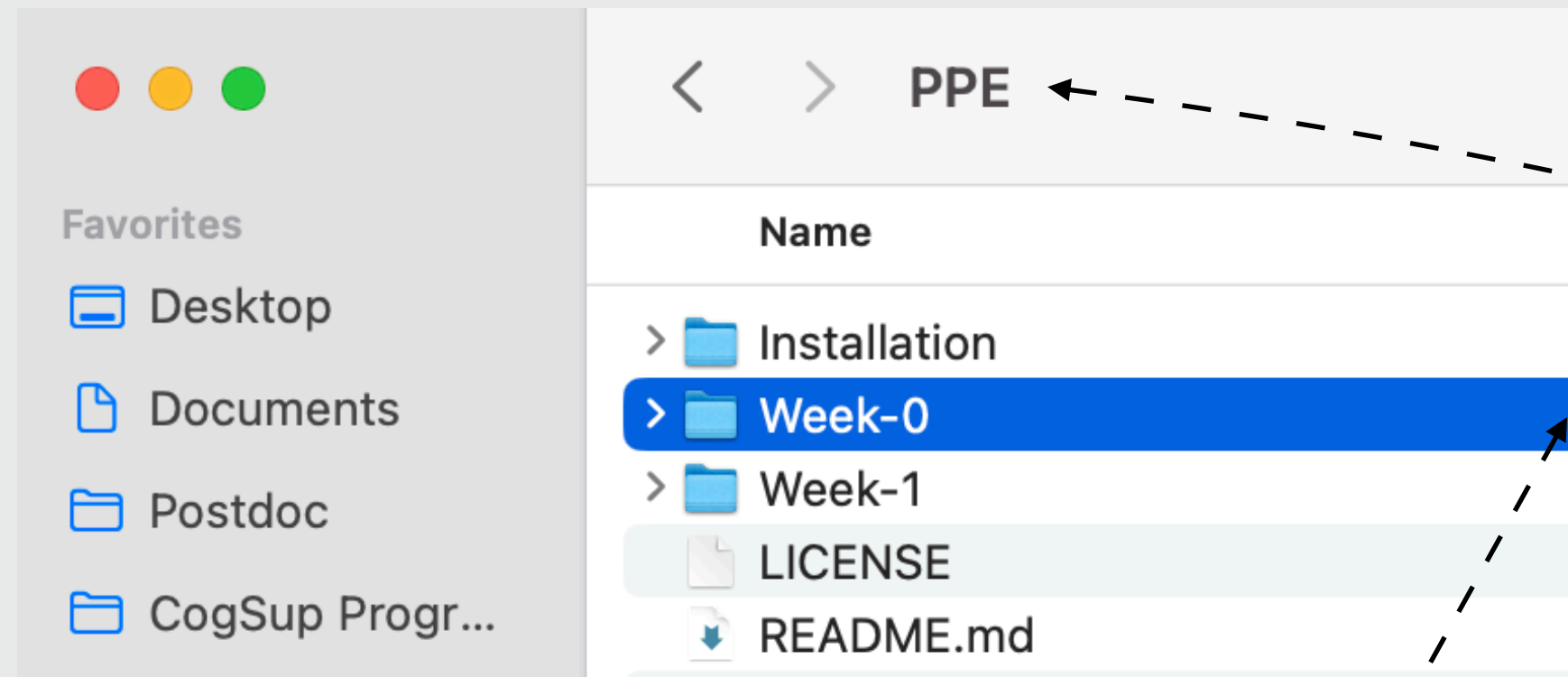
You can **check the contents** of the current working directory by typing in `ls` (**list** directory contents)

```
Barbu@Mac % ls
Applications      Desktop           Music             Calibre Library
Documents         Library          Pictures          Downloads
Movies            Public
```

Confirm this by opening the home folder in your Finder/File Explorer  
(**MAC:** Finder > Go > Home | **WINDOWS:** C:/Users/*your-username*)

# Terminal basics: `cd`

## The GUI way (Finder/File Explorer)



## The Terminal/Git Bash way (`cd` = **change directory**):

```
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE
Barbu@Mac PPE % cd Week-0
```



# Terminal basics: `cd`

Use `ls` (**l**ist directory contents) and `pwd` (**p**rint **w**orking **d**irectory) in the new working directory

```
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE
Barbu@Mac PPE % ls
Installation      LICENSE          README.md        Week-0
Barbu@Mac PPE % pwd
/Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE/Week-0
```

# Terminal basics: `cd`


Every file-related command takes into account the current directory, because the paths you specify are relative to it

```
Barbu@Mac PPE % cd Week-0 # Equivalent to cd /Users/.../PPE/Week-0
Barbu@Mac Week-0 % ls
Lecture 0. Presentation.pdf
Barbu@Mac Week-0 % cd # Takes you back to the home folder
Barbu@Mac % cd Week-0
cd: no such file or directory
```

# Terminal basics: `cd ..`

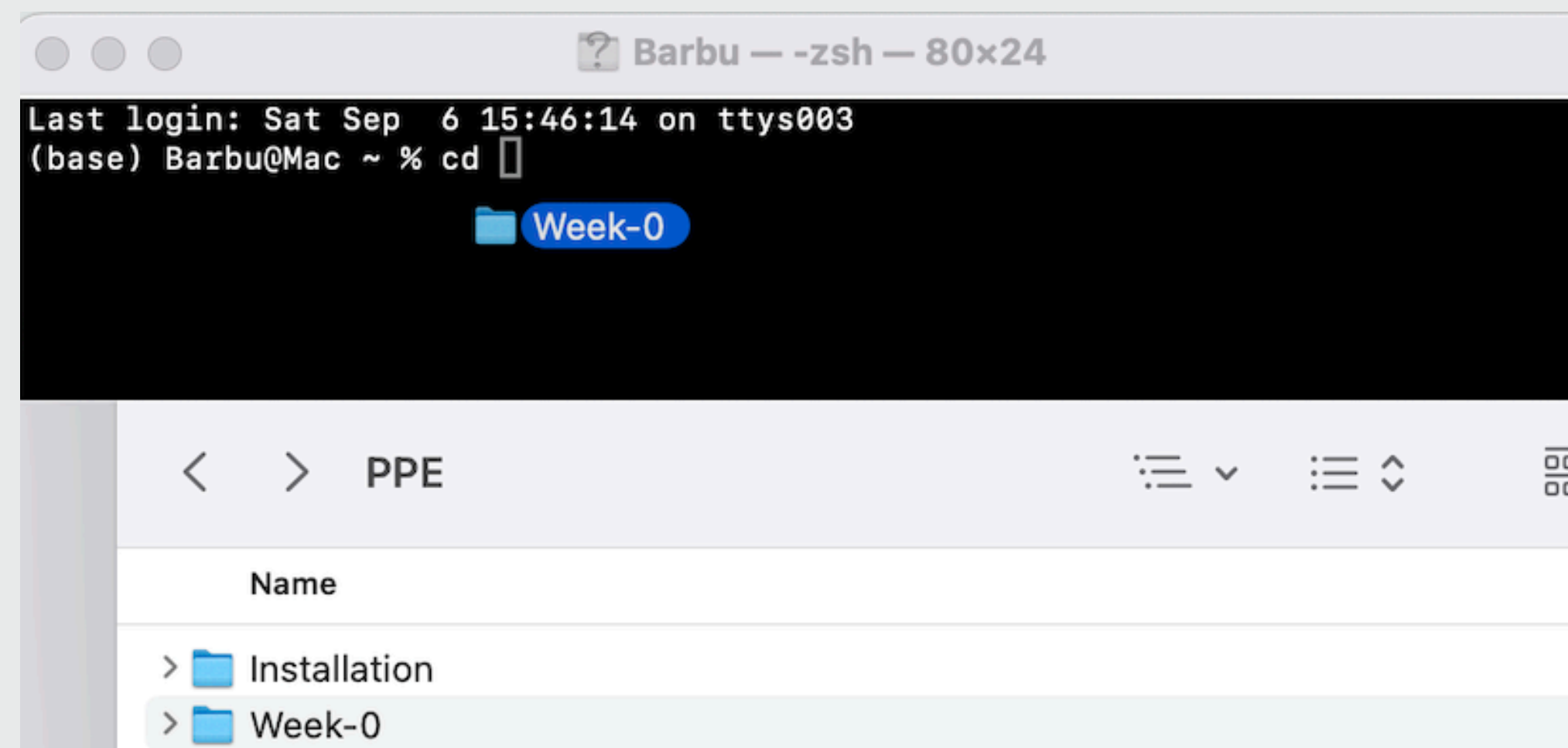
Going back to the parent directory of the current working directory

```
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE/Week-0
Barbu@Mac Week-0 % cd ..
Barbu@Mac PPE % cd Installation
Barbu@Mac Installation % cd ../Week-0 # ≡ cd .. | cd Week-0
Barbu@Mac Week-0 %
```



# Terminal basics: `cd` + drag & drop

Instead of typing the entire path, you can write `cd` followed by `space`, then drag and drop the folder you want to set as your current working directory from your file explorer app



# Terminal basics: ↑ ↓

Instead of retyping recent commands, you can use UP and DOWN arrow keys to toggle through the history of your commands

```
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE/Week-0
Barbu@Mac Week-0 % cd
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/Courses/Programming/PPE/Week-0
# Instead of typing the whole path again, tap ↑ twice to fill in the whole command, then press RETURN to execute it
```

# GitHub Basics

# Setting up the course folder

Depending on your organization preferences, create a folder dedicated to this class (e.g., .../Documents/CogSup/Programming)

```
Barbu@Mac % cd /Users/Barbu/Documents/  
Barbu@Mac Documents % mkdir CogSup # Creates CogSup folder  
Barbu@Mac Documents % cd CogSup # Go to CogSup folder  
Barbu@Mac Cogsup % mkdir Programming # Create Programming folder  
Barbu@Mac Cogup % cd Programming # Go to Programming subfolder
```

# Setting up the course folder

The **Programming** folder will contain two further subfolders

The first subfolder will correspond to *our* GitHub repository, which will contain the course materials (slides, exercises, etc.)

```
Barbu@Mac Programming % git clone https://github.com/barburevencu/PPE
```

Typing in `ls` should now print the **PPE** folder

**Recommended:** Rename the **PPE** folder to 'Materials' to identify it faster

```
Barbu@Mac Programming % mv PPE Materials
```



# Setting up the course folder

The second subfolder will correspond to *your* GitHub repository, which you will use to upload your solutions to the exercises

```
Barbu@Mac Programming % git clone https://github.com/YOUR-GITHUB-  
USERNAME/cogsup-prog # Change cogsup-prog if your repo has another name
```

Use `ls` to confirm that **cogsup-prog** is part of the Programming folder

**Recommended:** Rename the **cogsup-prog** folder to **Assignments**

```
Barbu@Mac Programming % mv cogsup-prog Assignments
```

# GitHub basics: pull

Let's check that everything works as it should

To update the **PPE (Materials)** folder to the most recent version, go to the folder and *pull* our PPE repository

```
Barbu@Mac Programming % cd Materials  
Barbu@Mac Materials % git pull
```

**In plain language:** Check if there are any new changes on GitHub that I don't have yet, download them, and update my local copy to include them

# GitHub basics: push

To update your GitHub repository with the folders and files in your local folder, you need to *push* your local directory to GitHub

First, let's create a new folder called **Week-1**

```
Barbu@Mac PPE % cd ../Assignments
Barbu@Mac Assignments % mkdir Week-1
Barbu@Mac Assignments % ls
Week-0      Week-1
```

# GitHub basics: push

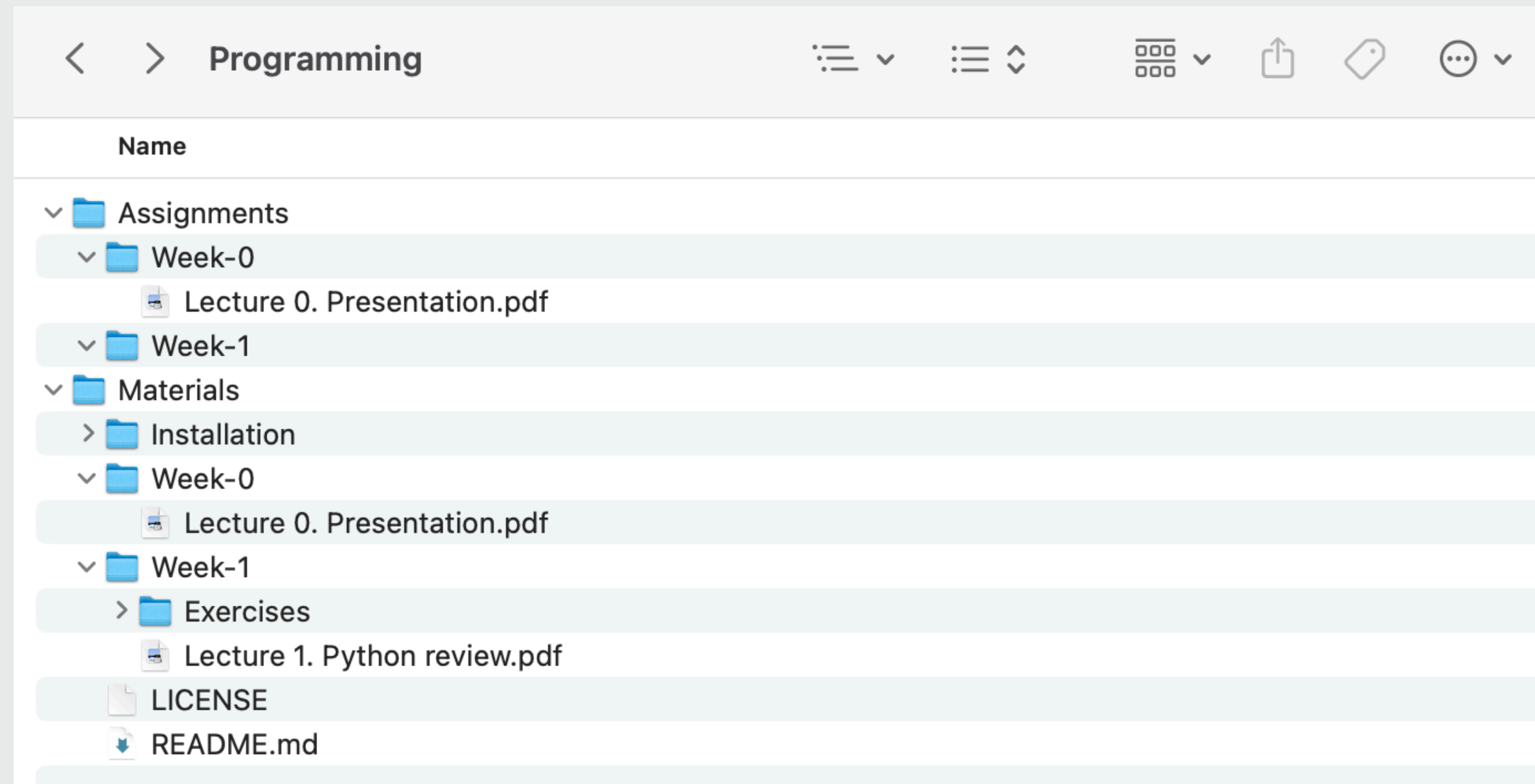
Now let's upload it to GitHub

```
Barbu@Mac Assignments % git add .  
Barbu@Mac Assignments % git commit -m "Created Week-1 folder"  
Barbu@Mac Assignments % git push origin
```

In plain language:

1. Take a snapshot of *all* the files I've changed
2. Save changes under a label to keep track of what this change was about
3. Upload my changes so they're stored online where others can see them

# How your folders should look like



Let us know if this hasn't worked for you.

# Python Refresher

# Preparing the Assignment folder

Let's move all the materials for Week 1 to your repository

```
Barbu@Mac Assignments % cd Week-1  
Barbu@Mac Week-1 % cp -R ../../Materials/Week-1/* .
```

In plain language:

1. `cp`: **copy**
2. `-R`: **recursively** (include subfolders)
3. `../../Materials/Week-1/*`: all contents of this folder
4. `.`: To the current working directory

# The first in-class exercise

Type `ls` to confirm that file copying took place

```
Barbu@Mac Week-1 % ls
Exercises      Session 1. Python review.pdf
```

Go to **Exercises** and run `Exercise-1.1.py`

```
Barbu@Mac Week-1 % cd Exercises
Barbu@Mac Week-1 % python Exercise-1.1.py #Might have to use python3
```

In plain language: Open the file called `Exercise-1.1.py` and interpret its contents using `python`



# **Solve Exercise 1.1**

# Push Exercise 1.1 to GitHub

Go back to the parent **Assignment** folder (which is linked to *your* GitHub)

```
Barbu@Mac Exercises % cd ../../  
Barbu@Mac Assignment % git add .  
Barbu@Mac Assignment % git commit -m "Added solutions to Exercise 1.1"  
Barbu@Mac Assignment % git push origin
```

Open your GitHub repository in a browser and check if the changes are reflected there as well. If yes, you're good to go; if not, let us know!

# Exercises 1.2–1.5

Continue Exercise 1 by running `python Exercise 1.x.py` in the Terminal for `x` in `[2, 3, 4, 5]`

When done, `push` the **Assignments** folder to GitHub

# Exercise 2 and beyond

In your file explorer, go to the **Assignments/Week-1/Exercises** folder, then open **Exercise-2.py** in Visual Studio Code (VS Code).

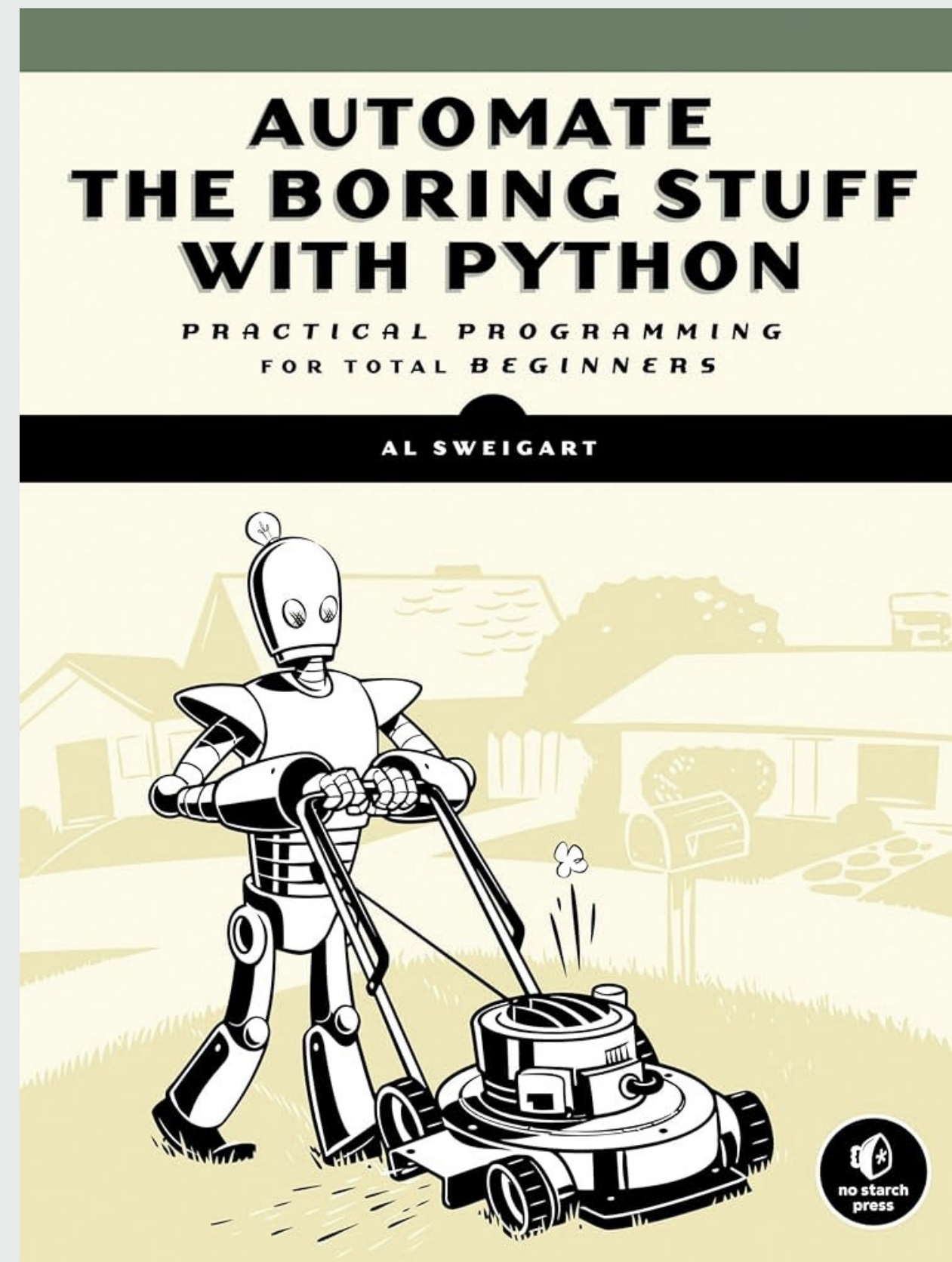
For each sub-exercise (2.1–2.8), you will have to write some code using **loops**. When done, push your work to GitHub.

For questions, get our attention and we'll come to help you.

Repeat for Exercises 3–7.

# **Your Feedback**

# Recommended reading



<https://automatetheboringstuff.com/>

# Difficulty of in-class assignments

Fill in the form at <https://forms.gle/TPDjfrC3Ejww1q26A>

