Programming language components

ATLS 1300

Tues, Jan 21

Announcements

- Outside code
  - <= 20% of your program
- DON’T PLAGIARIZE
  - If you did not write the code, if it was not made in this class you
  - MUST COMMENT WITH WHERE YOU GOT THE CODE FROM
    - Your LA’s name or my name (dates given are a plus)
    - The website URL
    - The course/program/date you made it outside the class
  - You 1. Will not get credit on the assignment, 2. May fail the class, 3.
- CHANGE YOUR CODE AND RESUBMIT IF YOU DID THIS.

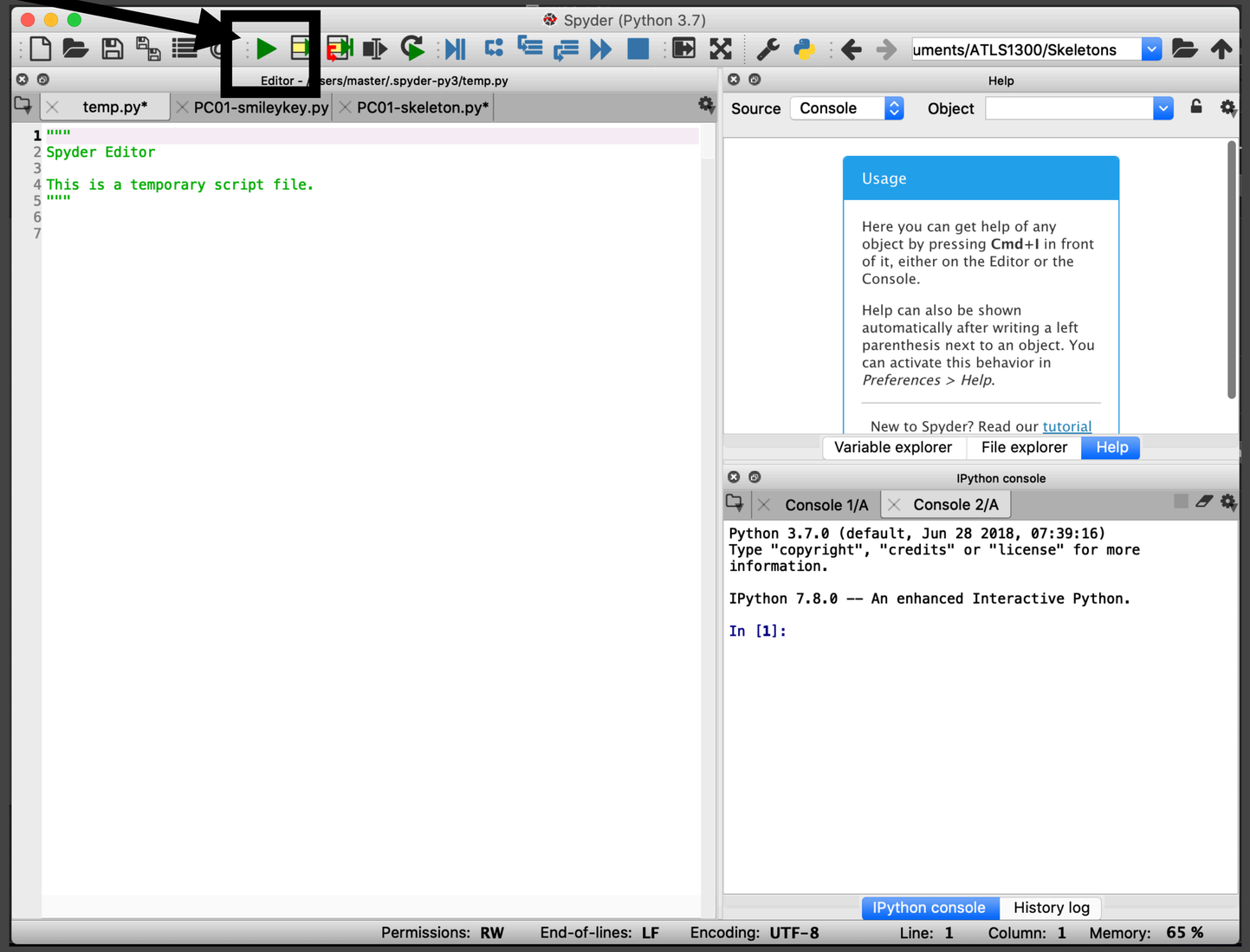
Spyder interface

Run button

Runs your code

Text area

Write your script here

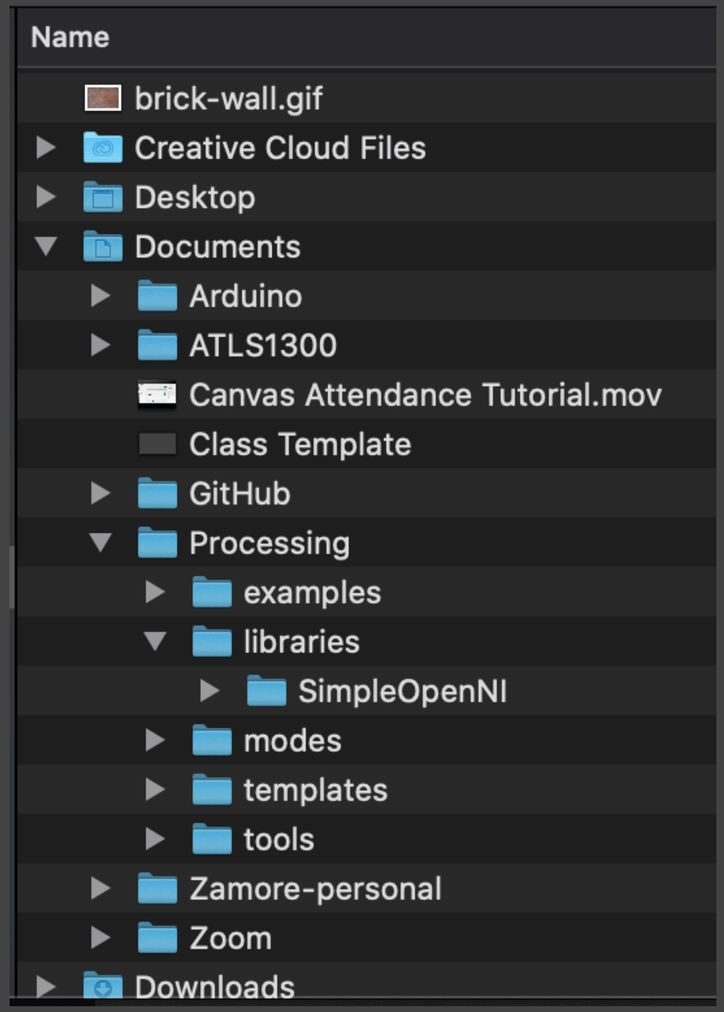


Command Line

Test commands, try things
Outputs the run script

File Structures and You

- Your computer is organized in a collection of folders
- Folders can be **nested**
- You should create a folder for this class
- Inside this folder, you should create folders for EACH assignment.



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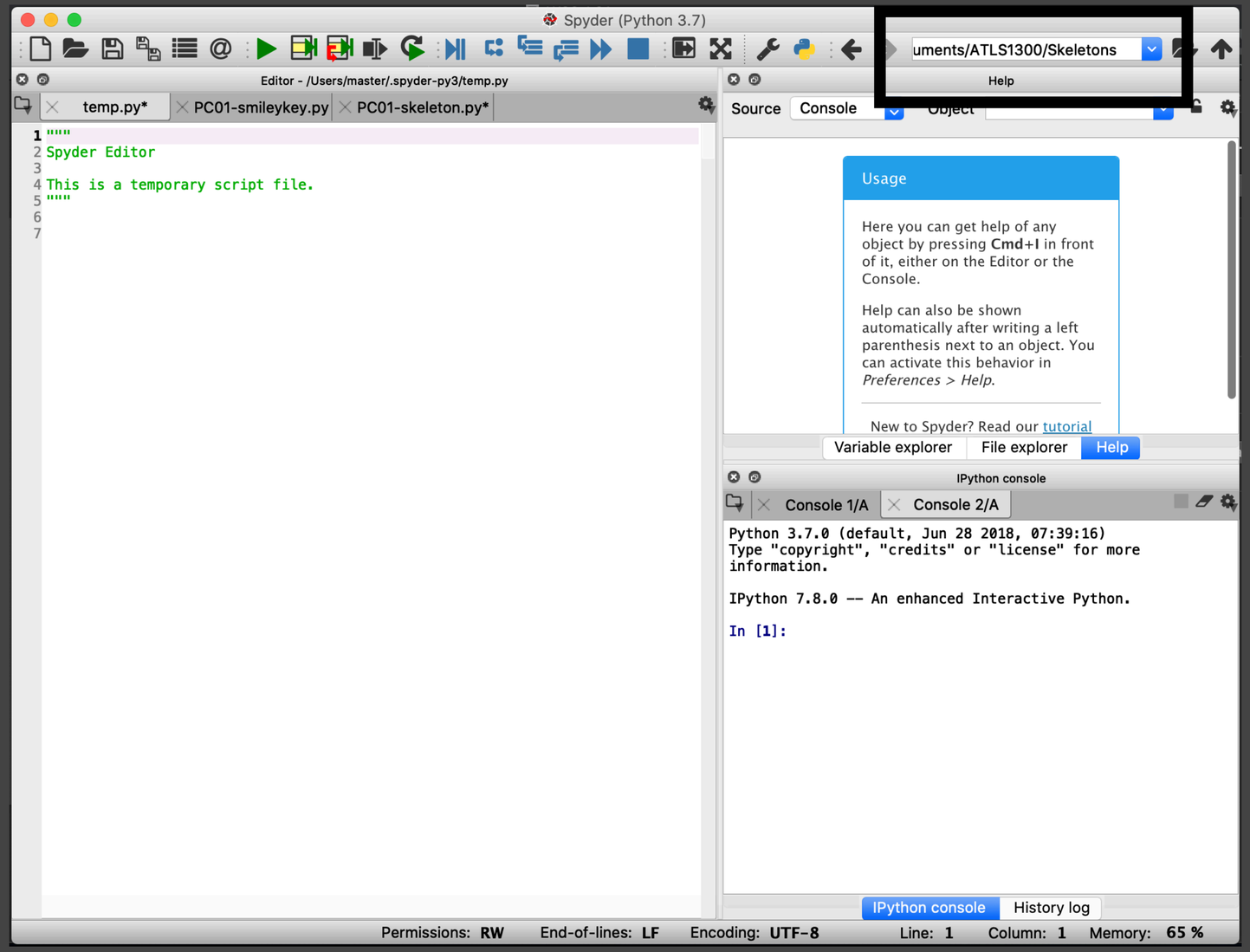

Working folder

Where your script will save
Where you need to put files you want your script to access

Course Trajectory

- **This week**-
  - *Tech focus*- Programming languages, common operators, variables, building programs
  - *Creative focus*- programming as a canvas
- **Next week**- More variables, debugging, and writing a program

READING (due Friday): Python Crash Course, Ch. 2 - Variables and Simple Data Types

Class Objectives

- Components of programming languages
- Breaking down **Python** like it's English
  - Grammar and vocabulary
  - Naming rules and conventions
- Turtles!

Programming Languages

- **Programming languages** (especially high level languages) are programs themselves
- You can implement the language using an **IDE**, sometimes this is referred to as a **programming platform**.
- Platforms (language + IDE) come with functions and tools,

Components of programming language

- Programming languages translate human desire into computer function
- **Vocabulary**
  - **nouns** - **variables**
  - **verbs** - **built-in functions**
  - **adverbs** - **keywords**
- **Grammar**
  - **syntax** - rules for how the program is written

Data Types

- **Variables** are named containers for storing data values
  - **Integer** - `int` - whole number values

```
1, 2, 8, 1e10
```

  - **Float** - `float` - floating point numbers,

```
9., 3.14, 83261429019.77777777777778
```

    - no fixed number of digits before or after decimal point

Nouns

Data Types

- **Variables** are named containers for storing data values

  - **Boolean** - `bool` - Binary logic variable

    `True, False`

  - **String** - `str` - sequence of characters

    `“fleas”, ‘a’, ‘3’`

Creating variables in Python

- **Variables** - stored, named data
- Data are values
- Name is whatever you want to call your variable. Go crazy!
- Variables are assigned **left to right**

Name **Value**

```
A = 3**2

name = “Dr. Z”

date = 200121

imaBool = False
```

Create some variables!

- Open Spyder
- Create variables of different data types:
  - `Float (floating point numbers)`
  - `Bool (True or False values)`
  - `String (Text inside quotes)`

Vocabulary

- **Variables**
  - Named containers for storing data values
- **Keywords and functions**
  - Do basic tasks, like provide a user input
  - Retrieve more programs, run functions from them
  - Build more complex or elegant tasks

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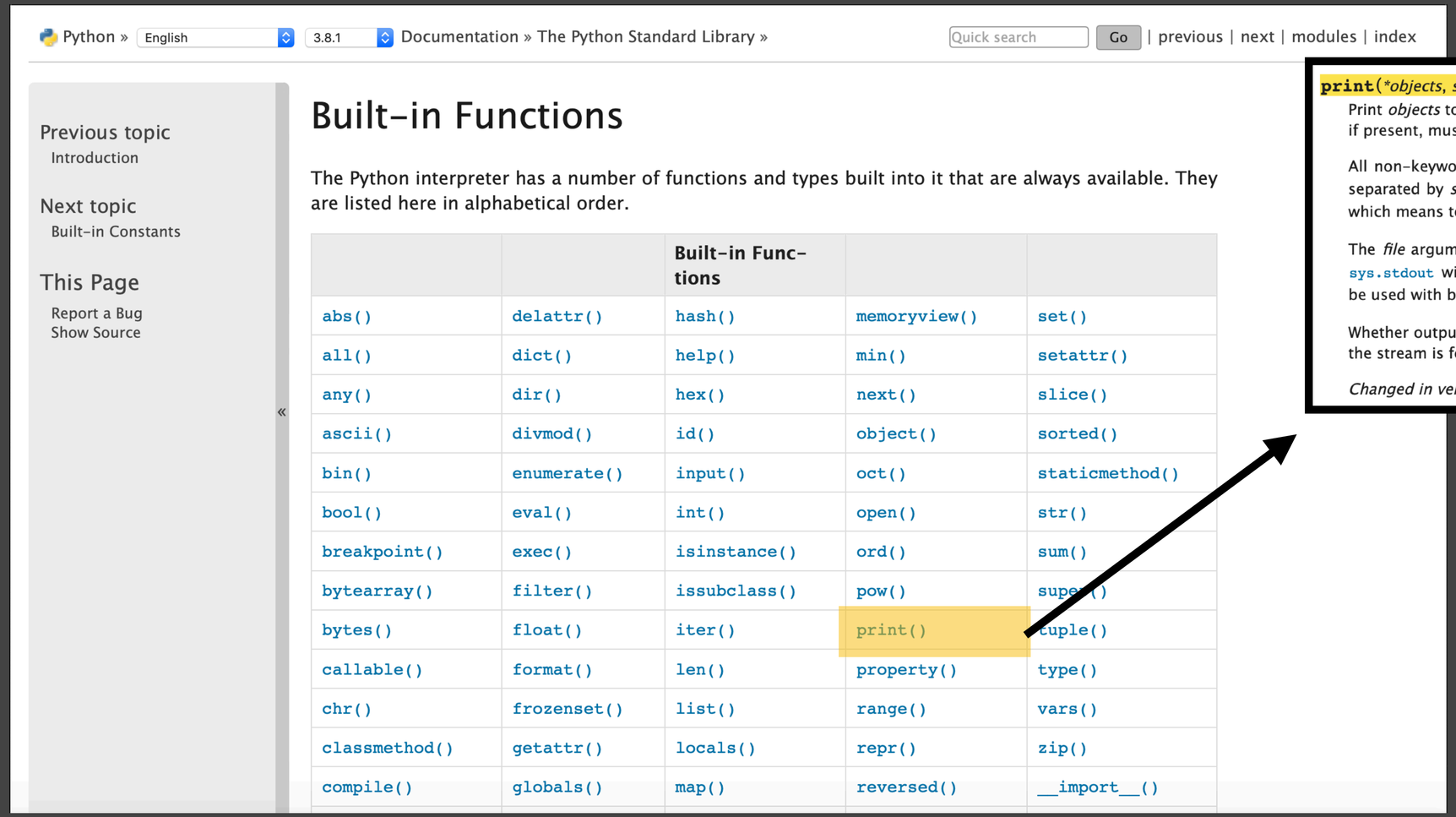
Built-in functions

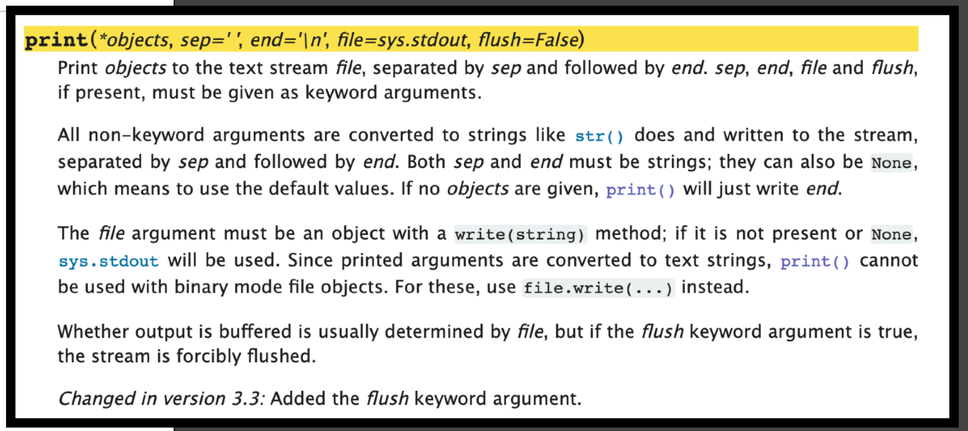
```
input()
print()
str()
bool()
int()
float()
```

Keywords

```
True
False
None
del
if, elif, else
for, while
```

More info in Documentation





Linked in this week's module on Canvas

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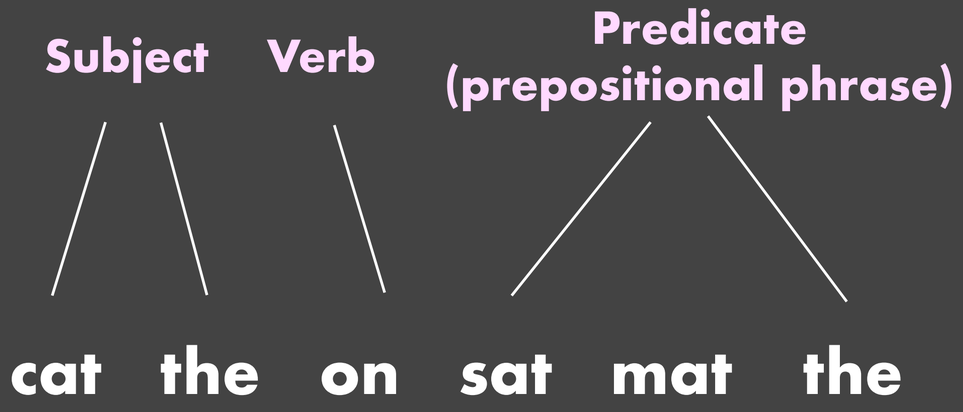

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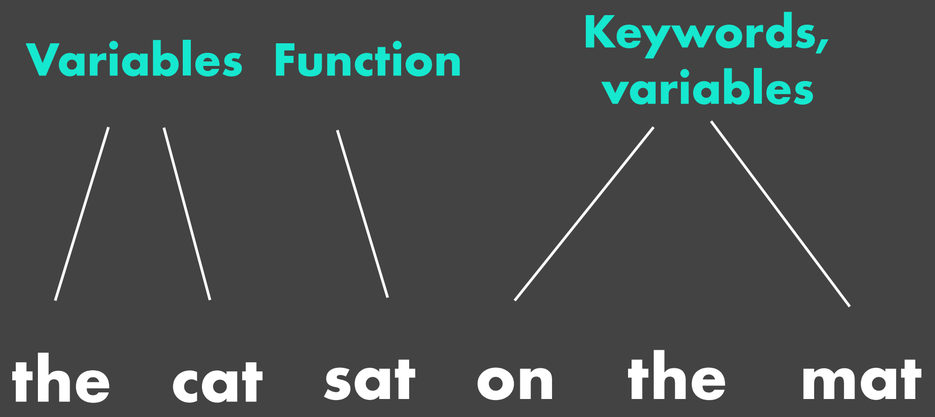

Python has a syntax just like any language!

Python Syntax

Comments marked with #

```
# I’m a comment!
```

Call functions, group math with **parentheses**

```
2 /  (6 + 4)

print (‘yo waddup’)
```

Indent with loops (more on loops later)

```
if 0 < 1:

    print(‘Mathematical!’)
```

Python syntax

Case sensitive

Enter these lines in your command line:

```
Name = 0

name
```

Indentation matters!

- This will come up more when we get to loops…

Exploring syntax with turtles

In your command line type:

```
from turtle import *

Turtle()
```

Imports a set of functions for you to use

What happens?

How would you set the output of the turtle command (`Turtle()`) to a name (like `Ari`)?

*Hint: remember **left-to-right notation***

Exploring syntax with turtles

- Now let's make things interesting.
- Our turtle, `Ari`, has a bunch of functions attached to it.
- Change the arrow shape to a turtle by using the command shape(). To call this command, we'll use dot notation

    1. Try:
    `Ari.shape('turtle')`

        - You can also input: "`circle`", "`square`", "`triangle`", or "`classic`"

    2. Now try the entering the command `forward(x)`, where `x` is the numerical distance you want the turtle to go in pixels.

- Which turtle moved? How do you get the other turtle to move?

Recap

- **Programming languages** and **IDEs** are both examples of _____.
- Languages are made up of vocabulary and grammar. In programming:
  - Vocabulary is _____, _____, and _____.
  - Grammar is _____, the rules that determine how the program is written.
- Python variables are assigned **left to right**, with the _____ on the left, and the _____ on the right.
- Functions are called using _____.

Thursday

- Documentation
- Composition & color
- Drawing with turtles
- Look up creative coding art (#creativecoding, #computationalthinking)

READ CH 2!