GE01 Python, Pair Programming and Version Control

**Effort:** Collaborative Assignment [CS3300 Academic Integrity](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cORsFi1YrqW5ChfJu0G67Fjm8HwEMse47DVqXfEn2n4/edit#heading=h.w1yj4lpdz8sh)  (Pairs)

**REQUIREMENT: At least 20 minutes of pair programming with someone else.**

**Points:** 40 (see rubric in canvas)

**Deliverables:** DO NOT UPLOAD A ZIP FILE and submit word or pdf files.

* **Upload this document with your answers**
* **A screencast video of your pair programming activity**
* **Resume and interview questions**

**Due Date:** See Canvas

**Goals:**

* Communicate effectively in a variety of professional contexts within a team, with customers, creating oral or written presentations, and technical documents.
* Devotion to lifelong learning: Prepare to learn on their own whatever is required to stay current in their chosen profession, for example, learning new programming languages, algorithms, developmental methodologies, etc.
* Utilize pair programming to begin learning python.

Names of the person you collaborated

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**Description:** Learning how to learn new technologies. This is not about getting everything working perfectly the first time but collaborating, communicating, finding resources and problem solving with others. Most of all do not panic if you run into issues. Note the issues and how you resolved them.

Think about what information is helpful to have for the next time you do this.

Find 4 or more resources that could be valuable for a new person getting started with python and version control.

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| **Brief description** | **Resource** |
| Python standard library | https://docs.python.org/3/library/index.html |
| Beginner Python tutorial | https://www.learnpython.org/en/Hello%2C\_World%21 |
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Start exploring git, github, command line, and python in a virtual environment.

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# 1 Python and IDE

Set up your python and IDE for your python development.

## Install Python

1. Open the command window and check your python version to see if you have it installed.
2. Install python version 3.11 [Download Python](https://www.python.org/downloads/). If on windows and have older version of python you should uninstall first : [How to Uninstall Python](https://www.pythoncentral.io/how-to-uninstall-python/)

## Install VS Code IDE

You can use a different IDE but this is what I will be using in my lectures. This has nice tools to integrate with python, django and databases.

<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>

1. Configure the Python interpreter: In Visual Studio Code, open the Command Palette by pressing `Ctrl+Shift+P` (Windows/Linux) or `Cmd+Shift+P` (Mac). Search for "Python: Select Interpreter" and choose the Python interpreter associated with your virtual environment (e.g., `myenv`).



1. Install the Django extension developed by Baptiste Darthenay: In Visual Studio Code, go to the Extensions view and search for the "Django" extension. Install it to benefit from Django-specific features and enhancements for what we will be doing later.





1. You can use this to edit your python file for practice.
2. Take a screenshot of the ide you have set up and the python file from the repository once you edit it below.

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# 2 Pair Programming

Goal: Improve software quality by having multiple people develop the same code.

Setup:

* One shared computer, alternate roles
* Driver: Enters code while vocalizing work
* Observer: Reviews each line as it’s typed, acts as safety net + suggest next steps

Effects:

* Cooperative, a lot of talking! + Increases likelihood that task is completed correctly
* Also transfers knowledge between pairs

Start learning the basics by going through [Hello, World! - Free Interactive Python Tutorial](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Hello%2C_World%21) by following the instructions below.

* You should spend at least 20 minutes pair programming
* **** Choose video screen-recording software that you can use to capture your discussion and screen. (such as <https://obsproject.com/> )

Where it says exercise code: that means for that section you are doing the exercise at the end of the information.

* Do not copy the solution code. Instead copy your code and paste below. Add any notes that would be helpful.
* Do not worry if you do not finish all the parts when pair programming but you should start pair programming and videoing with lists.
* Complete on your own after the pair programming ends.

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| Scan the following sections before pair programming. Take turns summarizing each section to the other. Add any brief notes or examples.  [Hello, World!](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Hello%2C_World%21) -- Just print statements, very easy, very much like c  [Variables and Types](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Variables_and_Types)  Also easy, not having to declare a data type is weird, also the default print statement does formating |
| [Lists](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Lists) Review and complete exercise code:  Lists share some syntax with arrays and they are both data structure but that is about all they have in common. Lists are dynamically sized and polymorphic by nature. Everything being an object is strange to me |
| [Basic Operators](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Basic_Operators) Review and complete exercise code:  Interesting, everything is an object, and every operator is overloaded. I suppose this makes sense when we do not have to work with primitive data types. I can see why people like python, although I still miss pointers and braces |
| Scan the following sections. Take turns summarizing each section to the other. Add any brief notes or examples.  [Basic Operators](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Basic_Operators)  -- As above  [String Formatting](https://www.learnpython.org/en/String_Formatting)  Works similarly to c, looks easier to use though  [Basic String Operations](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Basic_String_Operations)  Strings seem very versatile, there are so many ways to manipulate them built into the object  [Conditions](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Conditions)  Logical operators and conditional statements, made more interesting by the fact that everything is an object  [Loops](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Loops)  Interesting, Loops in python look more like bash loops than c, very reminiscent of scripting in Unix but this time with an actually good text editor and debugger |
| [Functions](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Functions) Review and complete exercise code:  We have to use a keyword to specify that we are making a function interesting. Other than that, we have parameters and we have return values so nothing too complicated. It looks like functions can return multiple values, and when this is done it returns a list containing the returned objects. The elements of a list can include other lists. I am surprised how polymorphic lists are. I suppose this is what is meant by a high level language |
| [Classes and Objects](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Classes_and_Objects) Review and complete exercise code:  Interesting. I had to look up how to create a constructor. Seems strange that it uses \_\_init\_\_ instead of something more intuitive, also interesting that objects have to be passed a reference to themselves to access their own data members in their member functions. I am sure there is a good reason for that but is strange coming from say java |
| [Dictionaries](https://www.learnpython.org/en/Dictionaries) Review and complete exercise code:  From my understanding dictionaries are just a way to link together information in a data structure without having to create a new class. Seems useful. Other than that, they can be used like lists in many ways. |

# 3 Version Control

## Set-up git and github repository

Use the command line tool of your preference in your environment. I ended up using command prompt on my windows but also have used windows powershell. I use the generic command tool on my mac.

Here is an example of using the default command prompt



Research

* What is git and github? What does git provide? What does github provide?
* How can you create a github repository from a local folder?
* What documentation could be useful to help understand the commands?

Include resources in the table above.

1. Create a python file in a local folder cs3300-version-practice
2. Create a folder called documentation in cs3300-version-practice that contains this document.

Paste a screenshot of your local directory code

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1. Create a github account if you do not have one.
2. Create a github repository that is public from the local folder.

Explain what you did

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Paste the url to you github repository code

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## Add, Commit, Push Practice

Use command line for the following.

1. You can just work with updating a python file.
2. Check the git branch and status

git branch

git status

1. Update the file. Before you can commit the version you must add the new file to the index (the staging area)

git add .

git status

1. Record changes to the local repository with a description but first you might need to include the author identity. Then check the status

git commit -m ‘add description’

git status

1. You will add your code, commit and push. Then explore the repository on the remote server, github

git push

git status



## Branching

Use the command line for the following.

1. From the command line in your repository on your computer check the log and what branch you are on.
2. Create a branch called sprint01 and check the log and branch

Copy and paste the commands you used

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1. Switch to sprint01 branch to check out code:

git checkout 'sprint01'

git branch

git status

1. Modify the python file and Add the file to the staging area and update the version in your local directory.

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1. Upload the changes to the remote repository on the new sprint01 branch. Go to your github and you will see you now have two branches. Click to view the branches. Now others working on the branch could pull your updates from the sprinto1 branch.

git push --set-upstream origin sprint01

git status

git log



1. Switch to the main branch and update the remote main branch repository with the change from sprint01 branch. Then go to github to see the versioning.

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1. Tag the main branch ‘v1.0’ then view the tag and push to the remote repository. When you go to the remote repository you should see the tag listed.

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For example



## Version Control Concepts

Individually answer each question in your own words, **including any resources you used to help you above.** This will be helpful when you keep technical documentation with your team. **You can use AI to help you understand but answer in your own words.**

3.1 Explain software version control. Address in your description branches, commits, merges, tags.

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3.2 Research what Git is and what its relationship is to software version control. Include how GitHub integrates with git.

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3.2 Explain the following commands and include examples: commit, pull, push, add, clone, status, log, checkout

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3.3 Explain the difference between a branch and a tag.

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3.4 Describe at least three benefits of a version control system and include an example for each that would be related to industry.

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# 4 Resume and Interview Questions

Create a document that contains the following parts

Part 1: Create a resume to use to interview to be a full stack developer intern that only includes these sections

1. Summary
2. Skills
3. Relevant Experience

Part 2: Interview questions you would ask to see if someone would be a good fit on your team. Include at least 4 questions.