

# Intro to Programming

# What is programming?



**Programming is not a bunch of crazy numbers!**

**It's giving computers a set of instructions!**



# A Special Language

A language to talk  
to dogs!



Programming is a  
language to talk to  
computers

# People are smart! Computers are dumb!

## *SALAD INSTRUCTIONS*

Programming is like a recipe!

Computers do EXACTLY what you say, every time.

Which is great if you give them a good recipe!

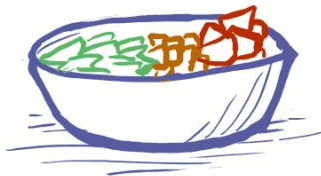
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But if you get it  
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Computers are bad at filling in the gaps!

A computer wouldn't know something was missing, it would just freak out!

## *SALAD INSTRUCTIONS*



# Everyone/thing has strengths!



- Understand instructions despite:
  - Spelling mistakes
  - Typos
  - Confusing parts
- Solve problems
- Tell computers what to do
- Get smarter every day



- Does exactly what you tell it
- Does it the same every time
- Doesn't need to sleep
- Will work for hours on end
- Doesn't get bored
- Really really fast
- Get smarter when you tell it how

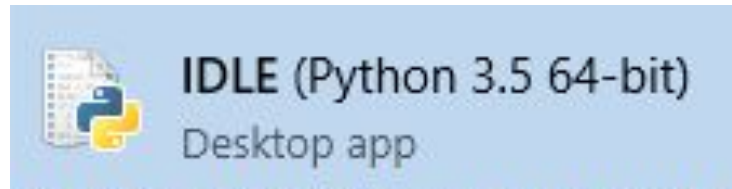
# Intro to Python

Let's get coding!

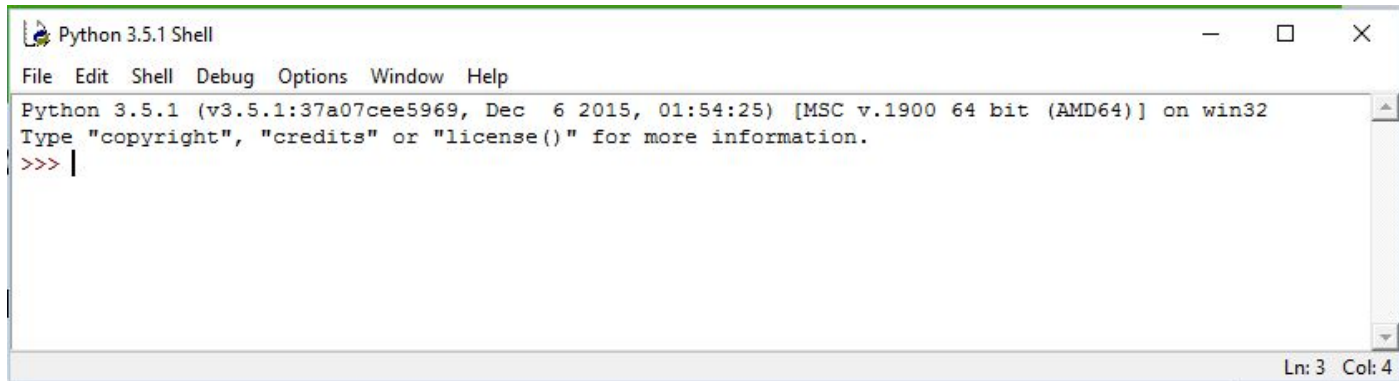


# Where do we program? In IDLE

Click the start button and type IDLE!



Make sure the first number after “Python” is 3!

A screenshot of a Windows application window titled 'Python 3.5.1 Shell'. The window has a menu bar with 'File', 'Edit', 'Shell', 'Debug', 'Options', 'Window', and 'Help'. The main text area contains the following text: 'Python 3.5.1 (v3.5.1:37a07cee5969, Dec 6 2015, 01:54:25) [MSC v.1900 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32', 'Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.', and a prompt '>>> |'. The status bar at the bottom right shows 'Ln: 3 Col: 4'.

# Make a mistake!

Type by **button mashing** the keyboard!  
Then press enter!

asdf asdjlkj;pa j;k4uroei

**Did you get a big red error message?**

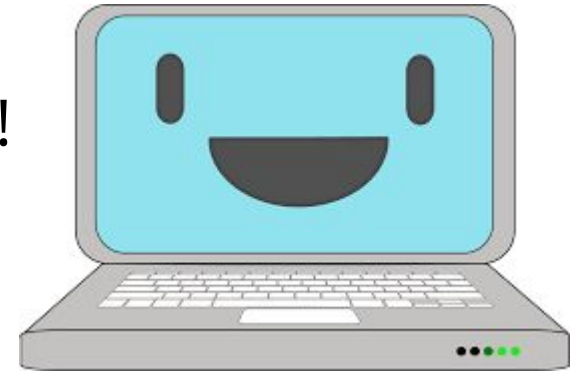
# Mistakes are great!

*SyntaxError:  
Invalid Syntax*

**Good work you made an error!**

*ImportError:  
No module  
named humour*

- Programmers make A LOT of errors!
- Errors give us hints to find mistakes
- Run your code often to get the hints!!
- Mistakes won't break computers!



*KeyError:  
'Hairy Potter'*

*AttributeError:  
'NoneType' object  
has no attribute  
'foo'*

*TypeError: Can't  
convert 'int' object  
to str implicitly*

# We can learn from our mistakes!

Error messages help us fix our mistakes!

We read error messages from bottom to top

3. Where that code is

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "C:/Users/Madeleine/Desktop/tmp.py", line 9, in <module>  
    print("I have " + 5 + " apples")
```

TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str

1. What went wrong

2. What code didn't work

# Write some code!!

Type this into the window  
Then press enter!

```
print('hello world')
```

Did it print:

hello world

???

# Tell me more!

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Note that this last one will not have a new line after it!

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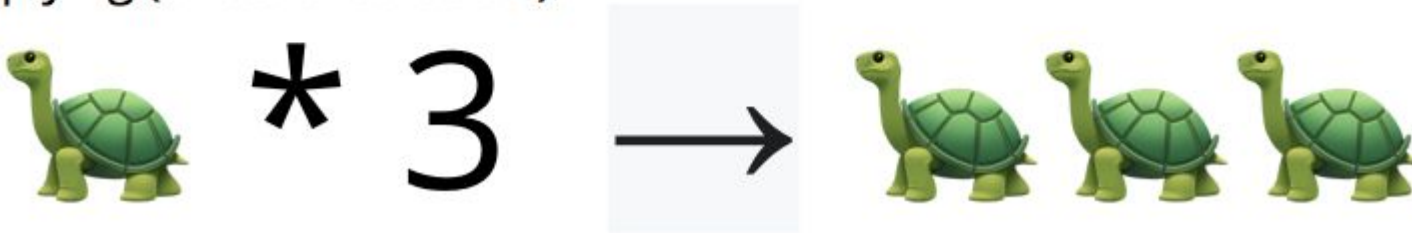
Strings are things with "quotes"

To python they are essentially just a bunch of pictures!

Adding :



Multiplying (3 lots of tortoise!):



# Strings!

Strings can have any letters in them, even just spaces!

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

```
"bla bla bla"
```

```
":)"
```

```
" "
```

```
'I can use single quotes too!'
```

```
"~\_(\ツ)\_/~"
```

```
"asdfghjklqwertyuiopzxcvbnm"
```

```
"DOGS ARE AWESOME!"
```

```
"!@#$%^&*()_+--[|\\:;'<>,./?"
```

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Integers are numbers in python.

We can do maths with integers but not strings

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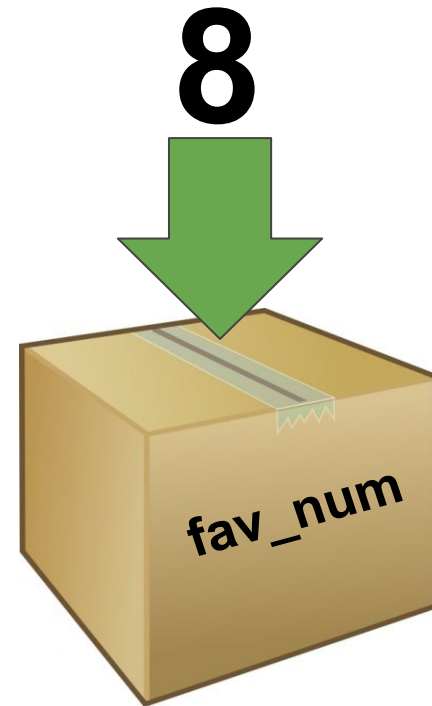
# No Storing is Boring!

**It's useful to be able to remember things for later!**

Computers remember things in "**variables**"

Variables are like putting things into a **labeled cardboard box**.

**Let's make our favourite number 8 today!**



# Variables

Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav\_num.



$$\text{fav\_num} - 6 \\ \Rightarrow 2$$

$$\text{fav\_num} + 21 \\ \Rightarrow 29$$

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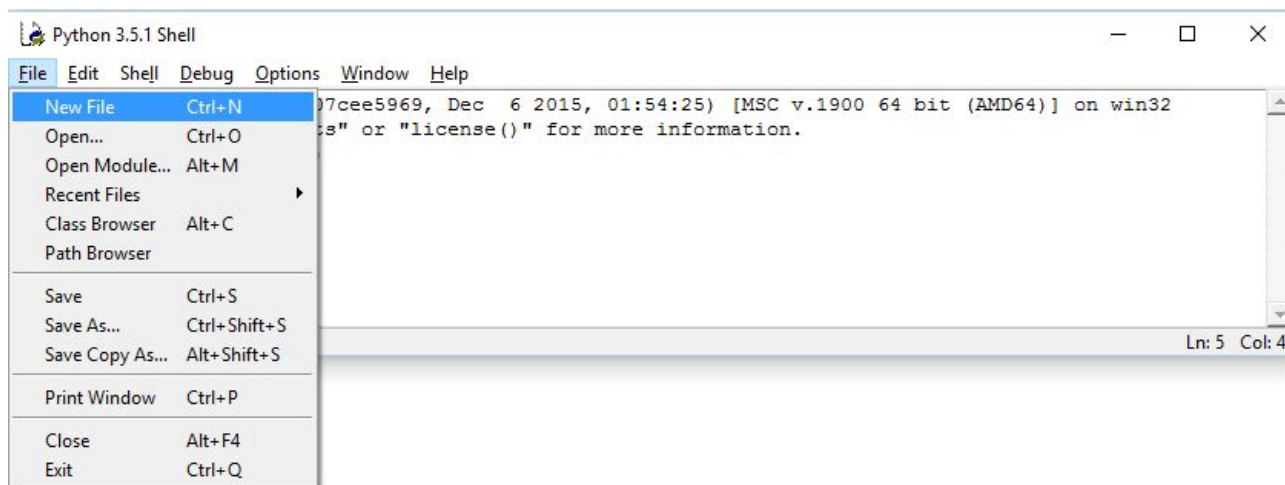
We'll come back to this later!

But writing 8 is  
much shorter than  
writing fav\_num???



# Coding in a file!

Code in a file is code we can run multiple times! Make a reusable “hello world”!



1. Make a new file called hello.py, like the picture
2. Put your `print('hello world')` code in it
3. Run your file using the F5 key

# Adding a comment!

Sometimes we want to write things in our file that the computer doesn't look at. We can use **comments** for that!

Sometimes we want to write a note for a people to read

```
# This code was written by Vivian
```

And sometimes we want to not run some code (but don't want to delete it!)

```
# print("Goodbye world!")
```

## Try it!

1. Add a comment to your hello.py file
2. Run your code to make sure it doesn't do anything extra!

# Project time!

You now know all about printing and variables!

**Let's put what we learnt into our project**  
**Try to do the next Part!**

The tutors will be around to help!