Guess Who!

Welcome to the Labs



Who are the tutors?





Who are you?



Introduce your partner

- Find a partner (someone you've never met before)
- Find out: 2.
 - a. Their name
 - What (school) year they are in
 - c. A fun fact about them!
- Introduce them to the rest of the group!













Log on

Jump on the GPN website

girlsprogramming.network/workshop

You can see:

- These slides (to take a look back or go on ahead).
- A digital copy of your workbook.
- Help bits of text you can copy and paste!

There's also links to places where you can do more programming!

Tell us you're here!

Click on the

Start of Day Survey

and fill it in now!



Today's project!

Guess Who?



Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Each **Part** of the workbook is made of tasks!

Tasks - The parts of your project

Follow the tasks **in order** to make the project!

Hints - Helpers for your tasks!

Stuck on a task, we might have given you a hint to help you **figure it out!**

The hints have <u>unrelated</u> examples, or tips. **Don't copy and paste** in the code, you'll end up with something **CRAZY**!

Task 6.2: Add a blah to your code!

This has instructions on how to do a part of the project

- 1. Start by doing this part
- 2. Then you can do this part

Task 6.1: Make the thing do blah!

Make your project do blah

Hint

A clue, an example or some extra information to help you **figure out** the answer.

print('This example is not part of the project')



Using the workbook!

The workbooks will help you put your project together!

Check off before you move on from a **Part**! Do some bonuses while you wait!

Checklist - Am I done yet?

Make sure you can tick off every box in this section before you go to the next Part.

Lecture Markers

This tells you you'll find out how to do things for this section during the names lecture.

Bonus Activities

Stuck waiting at a lecture marker?

Try a purple bonus. They add extra functionality to your project along the way.

CHECKPOINT

 \square

If you can tick all of these off you're ready to move the next part!

- \square Your program does blah
- ☐ Your program does blob



★ BONUS 4.3: Do some extra!

Something to try if you have spare time before the next lecture!



Intro to Python

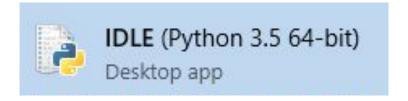
Let's get coding!





Where do we program? In IDLE

Click the start button and type IDLE!



```
Python 3.5.1 Shell

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.

>>> 

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!

3yntaxError: tax

Good work you made an error!

No module 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 Potters

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

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



Write some code!!



Type this into the window Then press enter!

print('hello world')

Did it print:

hello world





Try writing some maths into python!



Try writing some maths into python!



Try writing some maths into python!

>>> 12/3



Try writing some maths into python!

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>>> 12/3



Try writing some maths into python!

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A calculator for words!



What do you think these bits of code do? Try them and see!

```
>>> "cat" + "dog"
```

```
>>> "tortoise" * 3
```

A calculator for words!



What do you think these bits of code do? Try them and see!

```
>>> "cat" + "dog"
catdog
```

```
>>> "tortoise" * 3
```

A calculator for words!



What do you think these bits of code do? Try them and see!

```
>>> "cat" + "dog"
catdog
```

>>> "tortoise" * 3

tortoisetortoise





Strings!

Strings are things with "quotes" To python they are essentially just a bunch of pictures!

Adding:



Multiplying (3 lots of tortoise!):

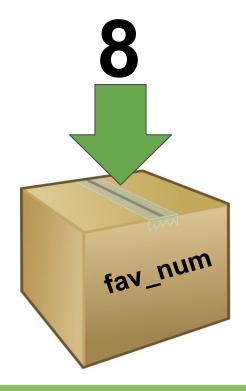


No Storing is Boring!

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!



Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav_num.



Instead of writing the number 8, we can write fav_num.



$$fav_num + 21$$

But writing 8 is much shorter than writing fav_num???







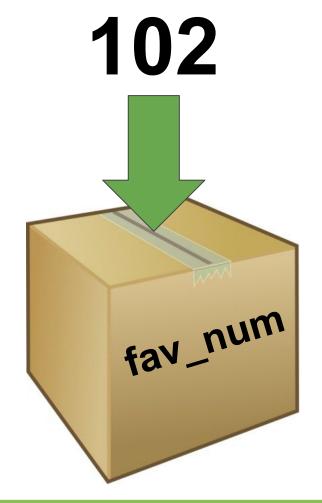




Variables are useful for storing things that change

(i.e. things that "vary" - hence the word "variable")

Try changing fav_num to 102.



We're able to use our code for a new purpose, without rewriting everything:



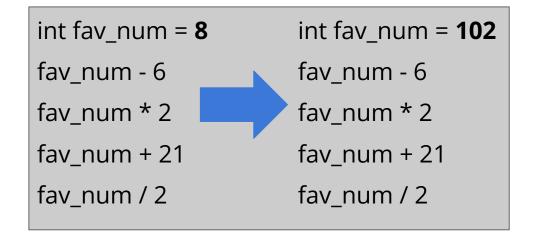
No variables VS using variables







Change









Your turn!

Can you guess what each print will do?

Type the code into IDLE to check your guesses

$$>>> x = 3$$

$$>>> y = x$$

>>>
$$y = y + 1$$

Your turn!

Can you guess what each print will do?

Type the code into IDLE to check your guesses

```
>>> x = 3
>>> print(x)
3
>>> print(x + x)
6
>>> y = x
>>> print(y)
3
\Rightarrow\Rightarrow y = y + 1
>>> print(y)
4
```



Switcharoo - Making copies!

Set some variables!

What do x and y contain now?

Let's find out together!

Switcharoo - Making copies!



Set some variables!

>>>
$$x = 3$$

$$>>> y = x$$

$$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow x = 5$$

What do x and y contain now?

y hasn't changed because it has a copy of x in it!





Asking a question!



It's more fun when we get to interact with the computer!

Try out this code to get the computer to ask you a question!

```
>>> my_name = input('What is your name? ')
>>> print('Hello ' + my_name)
```





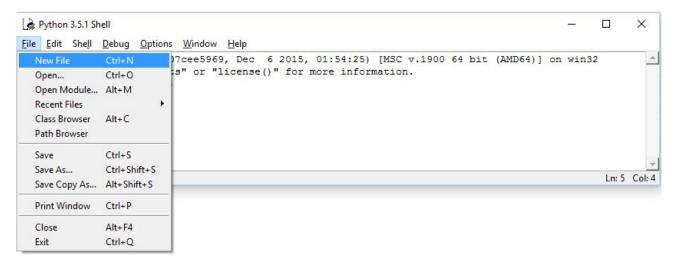
How input works!

Writing input This is the Store the answer question you tells the in the variable computer to wait want printed to my name the screen for a response >>> my_name = input('What is your name? ') >>> print('Hello ' + my_name) We use the answer that was stored in the variable later!

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
- 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!

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





Python lists

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Storing groups of things in variables

- So we know how to store individual things, but what do we do when we have a group of things?
- We can try to do this with variables

```
>>> day1 = 'Monday'
>>> day2 = 'Tuesday'
>>> day3 = 'Wednesday'
>>> day4 = 'Thursday'
>>> day5 = 'Friday'
>>> day6 = 'Saturday'
>>> day7 = 'Sunday'
```

But this can get long and hard to deal with really quickly...

Lists can store multiple things

- It's better to create a list. A list is a data type, like integer and string, but cooler!
- A list is an ordered group of related items, all in the same variable
- So instead of using 7 variables to store the days, we can use 1:

```
>>> days = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',
'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday']
```

Creating lists

- A list is created using square brackets in Python
- Think of your four favourite things.....what are they?
- How could we store them in a list?









Your Favourite Things!









You can put (almost) anything into a list

You can have a list of integers

```
>>> primes = [1, 2, 3, 5, 11]
```

You can have lists with mixed integers and strings

```
>>> mixture = [1, 'two', 3, 4, 'five']
```

 But this is almost never a good idea! You should be able to treat every element of the list the same way.

Try this!



- 1. Make a list of your favourite foods
 - >>> fave_foods = ['mango', 'pie', 'pizza']
- 2. Use print to print out your favourite foods list
- 3. Can you make it print on one line?

```
This is my fave food list ['mango', 'pie', 'pizza']
```

>> <u>Hint: use print with a comma!</u>

Accessing Lists!

- The favourites list holds four strings in order.
- We can count out the items using index numbers!



• Indices start from zero!

Accessing Lists

We access the items in a list with an index such as [0]:

```
>>> faves[0]
'Books'
```

What code do you need to access the third item in the list?



Going Negative

Negative indices count backwards from the end of the list

```
>>> faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate',
'skateboard']
>>> faves[-1]
'skateboard'
```

What would faves[-3] return?

Falling off the edge

• Python complains if you try to go past the end of a list
>>> faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate'

```
>>> faves = ['books', 'butterfly', 'chocolate',
'skateboard']
>>> faves[4]
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Updating items!

We can also update things in a list:

```
>>> faves = ['books', 'butterfly',
'chocolate', 'skateboard']
>>> faves[1]
'butterfly'
>>> faves[1] = 'new favourite'
>>> faves[1]
'new favourite'
```

Updating items

 What if we decided that we didn't like chocolate anymore, but loved lollypops?









What does this list look like now?









Removing items!

- We can remove items from the list if they're no longer needed!
- What if we decided that we didn't like butterflies anymore?
- >>> faves.remove('butterfly')
- What does this list look like now?







Try this!



1. Use your favourite foods list from before

```
>>> fave_foods = ['mango', 'pie', 'pizza']
```

2. Can you make it print on one line?
My favourite foods are mango, pie and pizza

Hint: use the indexes to get the foods out of the list

List of lists!

You really can put anything in a list, even more lists!

We could use a list of lists to store different sports teams!

```
tennis_pairs =[["Alex", "Emily"], ["Kass", "Annie"], ["Amara", "Viv"]]
```

Get the first pair in the list

```
>>> first_pair = tennis_pairs[0]
>>> ["Alex", "Emily"]
```

Now we have the first pair handy, we can get the first the first player of the first pair

```
>>> fist_player = first_pair[0]
>>> "Alex"
```



Project time!



Guess Who!

Let's put what we learnt into our project Try to do Part 0 - Part 3

The tutors will be around to help!









Conditions let us make decision. First we test if the condition is met! Then maybe we'll do the thing



IF it's raining, THEN take an umbrella

Yep, it's raining!

→ Take an umbrella

Booleans (True and False)



Computers store whether a condition is met in the form of True and False

To figure out if something is True or False we do a comparison

Try typing these into IDLE! Are they True or False?

Booleans (True and False)



Python has some special comparisons for checking if something is **in** something else. **Try these!**

```
>>> "A" in "AEIOU"
>>> "Z" in "AEIOU"
>>> "a" in "AEIOU"
```

```
>>> animals = ["cat", "dog", "goat"]
>>> "banana" in animals
>>> "cat" in animals
```

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's True!

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
```

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```
fave_num = 5
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    print("that's a small number")
That's the
condition!</pre>
```

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's True!

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
```

That's the condition!

Is it True that fave_num is less than 10?

- Well, fave_num is 5
- And it's True that 5 is less than 10
- So it is True!



So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's True!

```
fave_num = 5
    print("that's a small number")
```

Put in the answer to the question

Is it True that fave_num is less than 10?

- Well, fave_num is 5
- And it's True that 5 is less than 10
- So it is True!



So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's True!

```
fave_num = 5
    print("that's a small number")
What do you think happens?
```

So to know whether to do something, they find out if it's True!

```
fave_num = 5
if True
print("that's a small number")

What do you think happens?
>>> that's a small number
```

How about a different number???

```
fave_num = 9000
if fave_num < 10:
    print("that's a small number")</pre>
```

It's False!

```
fave_num = 9000
    False
     print("that's a small number")
Put in the
answer to
the question
```

It's False!

```
fave_num = 9000
if False
    print("that's a small number")
What do you think happens?
>>>
```

```
fave_num = 9000
    print("that's a small number")
What do you think happens?
                              Nothing!
>>>
```

```
This line ...
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
                                     ... controls this line
```

Actually

```
This line ...
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:__</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
    print("and I like that")
    print("A LOT!!")
```

... controls anything below it that is indented like this!





What do you think happens?

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
    print("and I like that")
    print("A LOT!!")
```

What do you think happens?

What do you think happens?

```
fave_num = 5
if fave_num < 10:</pre>
    print("that's a small number")
    print("and I like that")
    print("A LOT!!")
>>> that's a small number
>>> and I like that
>>> A LOT!!
```



If statements

```
word = "GPN"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
What happens??
```

If statements

```
word = "GPN"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
What happens??
>>> GPN is awesome!
```

Else statements

```
word = "GPN"
if word == "GPN":
   print("GPN is awesome!")

What happens??
>>> GPN is awesom
   But what if we want
   something different
   to happen if the
```



word isn't "GPN"

Else statements

else statements means something still happens if the **if** statement was False

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
else:
  print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

```
What happens??
```





Else statements

else **Statements** means something still happens if the **if** statement was False

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
else:
  print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

```
What happens??
>>> The word isn't GPN :(
```



Elif statements

elif

Means we can give specific instructions for other words

```
word = "Chocolate"
if word == "GPN":
  print("GPN is awesome!")
elif word == "Chocolate":
  print("YUMMM Chocolate!")
else:
  print("The word isn't GPN :(")
```

What happens??





Practice Time!



- Create a new file, call it weather.py
- Copy this code into your file

```
weather = input("What is the weather? ")
if weather == "raining":
```

- Add a third line to make it print a special message, but only if the user says "raining"
- Run your code! Try typing in **raining**, try typing in **sunny**
- BONUS! Add an else statement, to print a non-rainy message!





Practice Time!

- Create a new file, call it weather.py
- Copy this code into your file

```
weather = input("What is the weather? ")
if weather == "raining":
    print("Take an umbrella!")
```

- Add a third line to make it print a special message, but only if the user says "raining"
- Run your code! Try typing in **raining**, try typing in **sunny**
- BONUS! Add an else statement, to print a non-rainy message!





Project Time!



You now know all about if and else!

See if you can do Part 4

The tutors will be around to help!





For Loops

Looping through lists!

What would we do if we wanted to print out this list, one word at a time?

```
words = ['This', 'is', 'a', 'sentence']
print(words[0])
print(words[1])
print(words[2])
print(words[3])
```

What if it had a 100 items??? That would be BORING!



For Loops

For loops allow you to do something for **each** item in a group of things

There are many real world examples, like:



For each page in this book: Read



For each chip in this bag of chips: Eat

Looping over a list of ints

We can loop through a list:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]
for i in numbers:
   print(i)
```

```
What's going to happen?
```

Looping over a list of ints

We can loop through a list:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]
for i in numbers:
   print(i)
```

```
What's going to happen?
>>> 1
>>> 2
>>> 3
>>> 4
```

- Each item of the list takes a turn at being the variable i
- Do the body once for each item
- We're done when we run out of items!

Practice Time!



- 1. Make a new file called yummy.py
- 2. Copy in this list

```
>>> fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
```

- 3. Add **2 lines of code** that makes your program print out this. Use a for loop!
 - >>>Yummy apple
 - >>>Yummy banana
 - >>>Yummy mango

HINT!

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4]
for i in numbers:
   print(i)
```





Somehow it knows how to get one fruit out at a time!!

It's like it knows english!

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
for fruit in fruits:
print('yummy ' + fruit)
```

But fruit is just a variable! We could call it anything! Like dog!

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
for dog in fruits:
print('yummy ' + dog)
          >>>Yummy apple
          >>>Yummy banana
          >>>Yummy mango
```





Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the dog variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
for dog in fruits:
   print('yummy ' + dog)
```

Let's set dog to to the first thing in the list! dog is now 'apple'!



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the <u>dog</u> variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
for dog in fruits:
   print('yummy ' + dog)
```

>>>Yummy apple

thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)

Let's set dog to to the first



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the dog variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
for dog in fruits:
   print('yummy ' + dog)
```

>>>Yummy apple

Let's set <u>dog</u> to to the first thing in the list! dog is now 'apple'! print('yummy ' + dog) We're at the end of the loop body, back to the top!



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the dog variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'barana', 'mango']

for dog in fruits:
    print('yummy ' + dog)
```

>>>Yummy apple

Let's set dog to to the first
thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
We're at the end of the loop
body, back to the top!

Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'banana'!



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the <u>dog</u> variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'barana', 'mango']
                                                         Let's set dog to to the first
                                                         thing in the list!
for dog in fruits:
                                                         dog is now 'apple'!
   print('yummy ' + dog)
                                                         print('yummy ' + dog)
                                                         We're at the end of the loop
                                                         body, back to the top!
                                                         Let's set dog to to the next
            >>>Yummy apple
                                                         thing in the list!
                                                         dog is now 'banana'!
            >>>Yummy banana
                                                         print('yummy ' + dog)
```

Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the <u>dog</u> variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'barana', 'mango']
 for dog in fruits:
   print('yummy ' + dog)
```

```
>>>Yummy apple
```

>>>Yummy banana

```
Let's set dog to to the first
thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
We're at the end of the loop
body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'banana'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
Out of body, back to the top!
```



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the <u>dog</u> variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'bahana', 'mamgo']
 for dog in fruits:
   print('yummy ' + dog)
```

```
>>>Yummy apple
```

>>>Yummy banana

```
Let's set dog to to the first
thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
We're at the end of the loop
body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'banana'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
Out of body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'mango'!
```



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the dog variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mamgo']
for dog in fruits:
  print('yummy ' + dog)
```

```
>>>Yummy apple
>>>Yummy banana
>>>Yummy mango
```

```
Let's set dog to to the first
thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
We're at the end of the loop
body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'banana'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
Out of body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'mango'!
```



Everything in the list gets to have a turn at being the dog variable

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mamgo']
for dog in fruits:
  print('yummy ' + dog)
```

```
>>>Yummy apple
>>>Yummy banana
>>>Yummy mango
```



```
Let's set dog to to the first
thing in the list!
dog is now 'apple'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
We're at the end of the loop
body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'banana'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
Out of body, back to the top!
Let's set dog to to the next
thing in the list!
dog is now 'mango'!
print('yummy ' + dog)
Out of body, and out of list!!
We're done here!
```

Project Time!

Now you know how to use a for loop!

```
Try to do Parts 5 and 6
...if you are up for it!
```

The tutors will be around to help!

Random!





That's so random!

There's lots of things in life that are up to chance or random!





Python lets us **import** common bits of code people use! We're going to use the **random** module! We want the computer to be random sometimes!





Using the random module



Let's choose something randomly from a list!

This is like drawing something out of a hat in a raffle!

Try this!

- Import the random module!
 - >>> import random



- Copy the shopping list into IDLE
 - >>> shopping_list = ["eggs", "bread", "apples", "milk"]
- Choose randomly! Try it a few times!
 - >>> random.choice(shopping_list)





Using the random module



You can also assign your random choice to a variable

```
>>> import random
>>> shopping_list = ["eggs", "bread", "apples", "milk"]
>>> random_food = random.choice(shopping_list)
>>> print(random food)
```





Project Time!

Raaaaaaaaandom! Can you handle that?

Try to do Part 7!

The tutors will be around to help!

While Loops

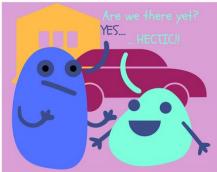


Loops









We know how to do things on repeat!

Sometimes we want to do some code on repeat!



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>>>
```



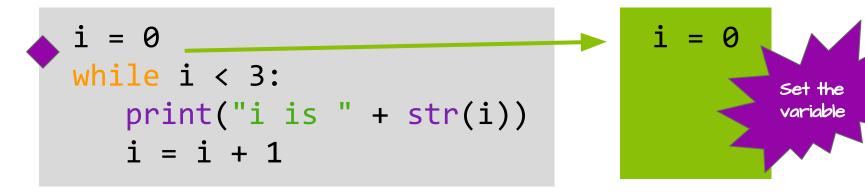
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Stepping through a while loop...





One step at a time!





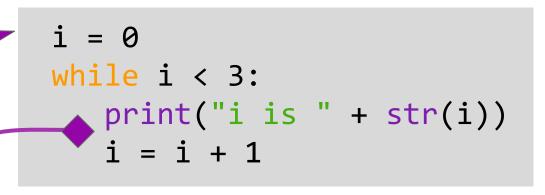
One step at a time!

0 is less than 3!

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MY VARIABLES

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One step at a time!

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```

MY VARIABLES

```
UPDATE
TIME!
```

One step at a time!

```
Take it
from the
top!
```

```
i = 0
while i < 3:
    print("i is " + str(i))
    i = i + 1</pre>
```

MY VARIABLES

```
<del>i = 0</del>
i = 1
```

One step at a time!

1 is less than 3 !

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```

MY VARIABLES

One step at a time!

while i < 3: print("i is " + str(i)) i = i + 1

$$\frac{i = 0}{i = 1}$$

```
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```

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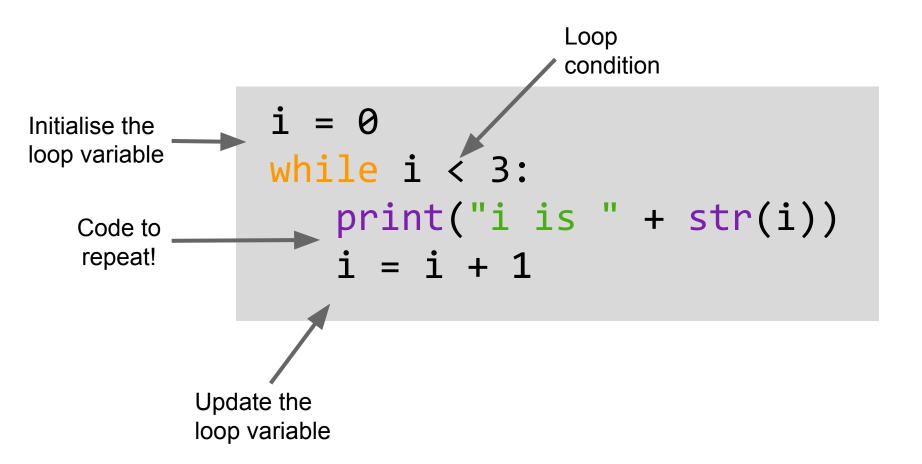
One step at a time!

3 IS NOT less than

```
while i < 3:
   print("i is " + str(i))
   i = i + 1
```

```
We are
are done
with this
  loop
```

```
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```



What happens when.....

What happens if we forget to update the loop variable?

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```

Infinite loop!

Sometimes we want our loop to go forever!

So we set a condition that is always True!

We can even just write True!

```
while True:
   print("Are we there yet?")
```



Project Time!



while we're here:

Try to do Part 8!

And extension Part 9!

The tutors will be around to help!



Files

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Filing it away!

What if we want to play Guess Who! But with different characters?

We'd have to change our code!!

It would be better if we could keep all our people in a file and just be able to pick and choose what file we wanted to play today!

people.txt

Aleisha, brown, black, hat
Brittany, blue, red, glasses
Charlie, green, brown, glasses
Dave, blue, red, glasses
Eve, green, brown, glasses
Frankie, hazel, black, hat
George, brown, black, glasses
Hannah, brown, black, glasses
Isla, brown, brown, none
Jackie, hazel, blonde, hat
Kevin, brown, black, hat
Luka, blue, brown, none



Opening files!

To get access to the stuff inside a file in python we need to **open** it! That doesn't mean clicking on the little icon!

You'll now be able to read the things in my_file

If your file is in the same location as your code you can just use the name!

A missing file causes an error

Here we try to open a file that doesn't exist:

```
f = open('missing.txt')
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IOError: [Errno 2] No such file or
directory: 'missing.txt'
```

You can read a whole file into a string

```
>>> my file = open('haiku.txt')
>>> my string = f.read()
>>> my_stirng
'Wanna go outside.\nOh NO! Help! I
got outside!\nLet me back inside!
>>> print(my_stirng)
Wanna go outside.
Oh NO! Help! I got outside!
Let me back inside!
```

haiku.txt

Wanna go outside.

Oh NO! Help! I got outside!

Let me back inside!

You can also read in one line at a time

You can use a for loop to only get 1 line at a time!

```
my_file = open('haiku.txt')
for line in f:
    print(line)

Wanna go outside.

Oh NO! Help! I got outside!

Let me back inside!
```

Why is there an extra blank line each time?

Chomping off the newline

The newline character is represented by '\n':

```
print('Hello\nWorld')
Hello
World
```

We can remove it from the lines we read with .strip()

```
x = 'abc\n'
x.strip()
'abc'
```

x.strip() is safe as lines without newlines will be unaffected

Reading and stripping!

```
for line in open('haiku.txt'):
    line = line.strip()
    print(line)

Wanna go outside.
Oh NO! Help! I got outside!
Let me back inside!
```

No extra lines!

Using with!

This is a special trick for opening files!

```
with open("words.txt") as f:
   for line in f:
     print(line.strip())
```

It automatically closes your file for you!

It's good when you are writing files in python!

Project Time!



while we're here:

Try to do extension Part 10!

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Tell us what you think!

Click on the **End of Day Form** and fill it in now!