

# 10. Structuring a coding project for data science

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# Hallmarks of good scientific software

Lecture 9

**version control**

**automated testing**

**self-reporting  
analyses**

**pipelining**

Today!

Lecture 8

**documentation**

**containerization**



# Main resource for today

<https://docs.python-guide.org/>



# Outline for today

1. Coding principles for writing efficient code
2. Coding styles
3. Source Code Analysis

# Structuring a project

Decisions that we make when working on a project:

- How does our project best meet its objective?
- How do we write clean and effective code?

Which functions go into which modules?

How do data flow through our project?

Which functions can be grouped together? Isolated?

Naming conventions?

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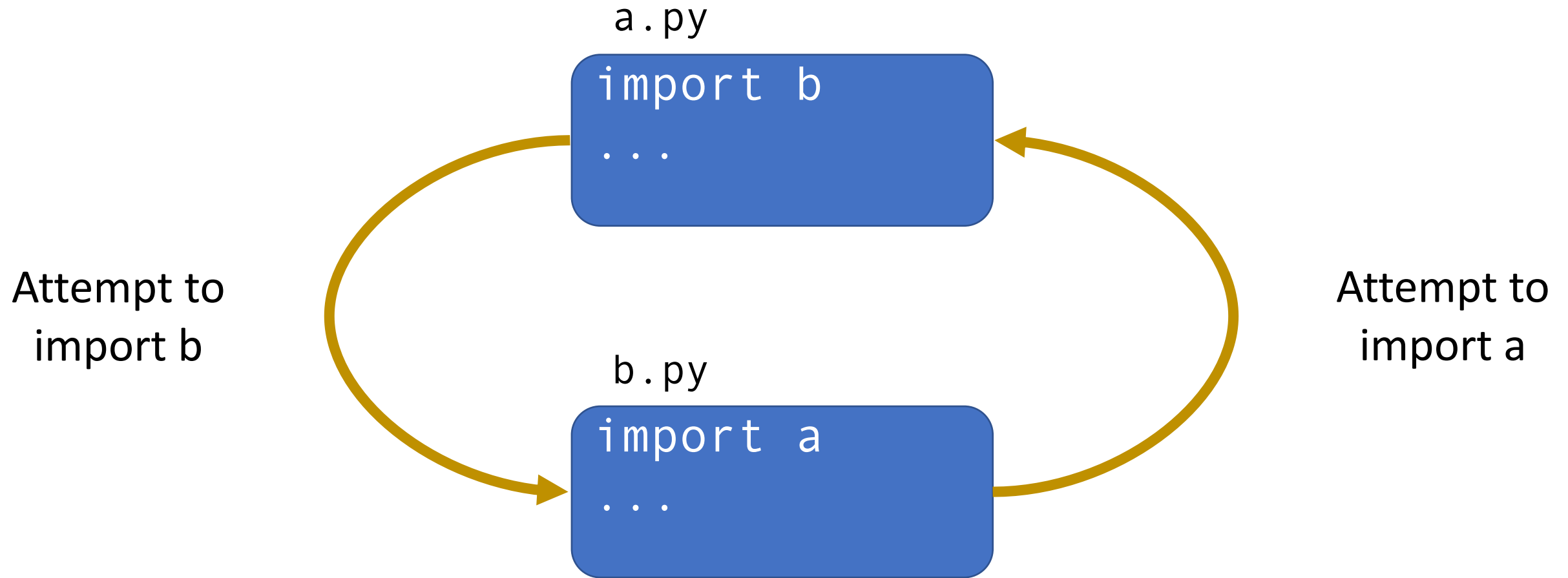
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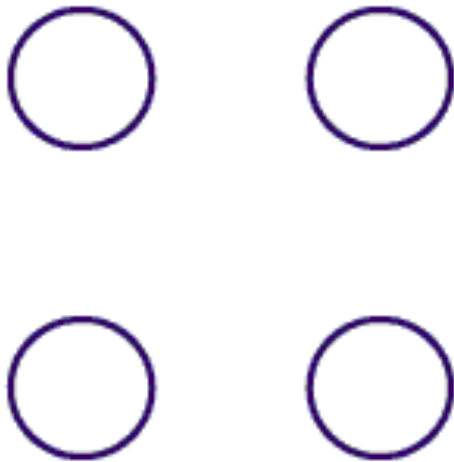
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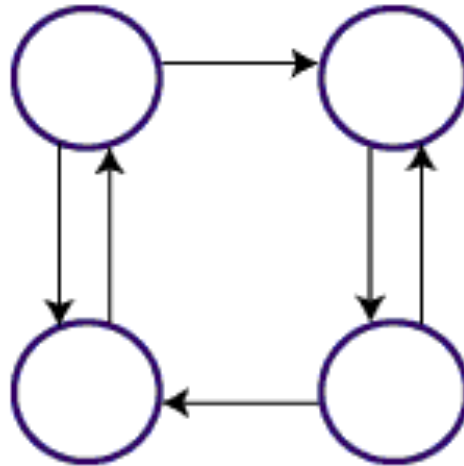


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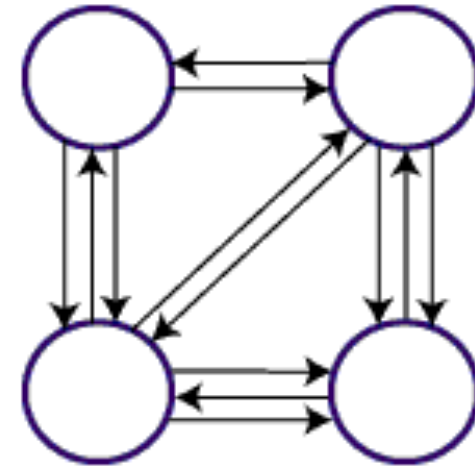
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Uncoupled: no dependencies



Loosely Coupled: Some dependencies



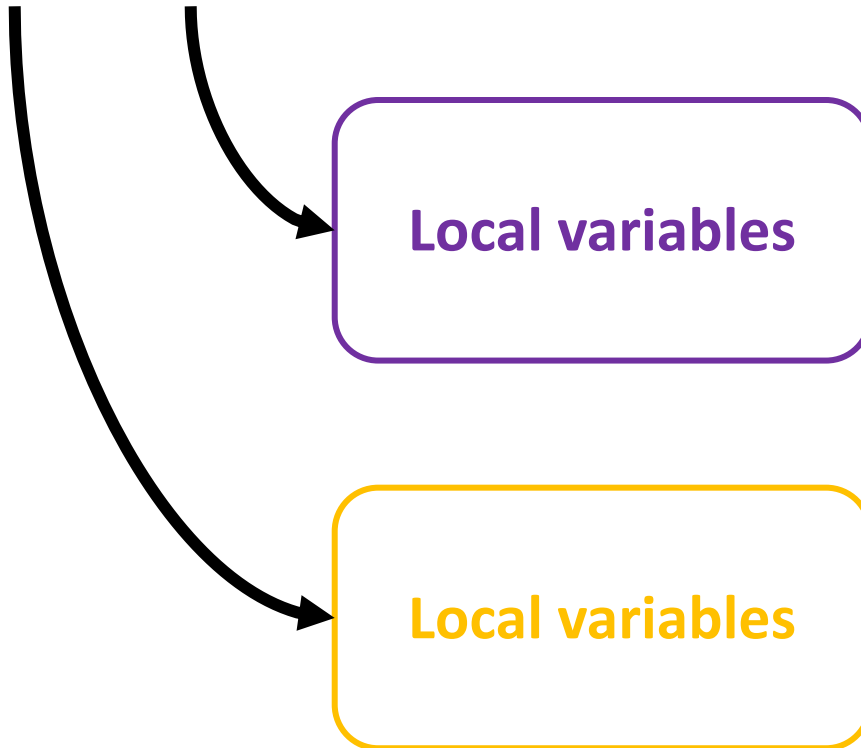
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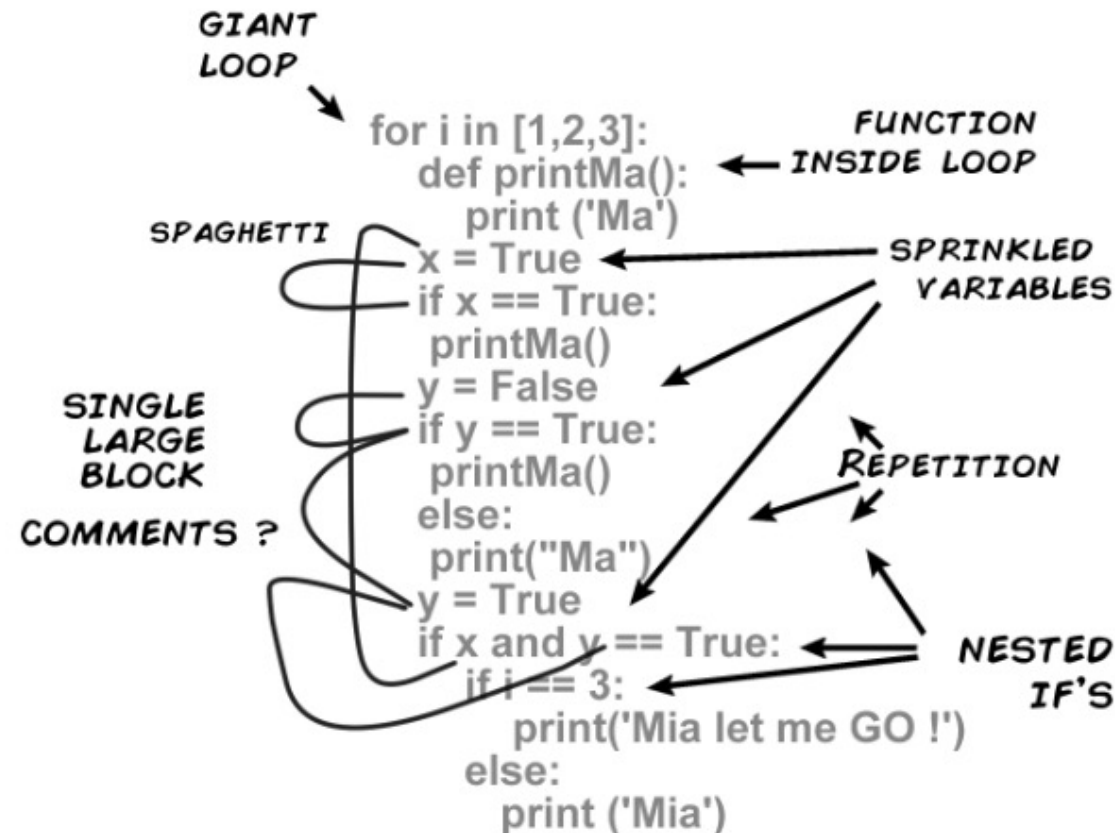
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Global variables



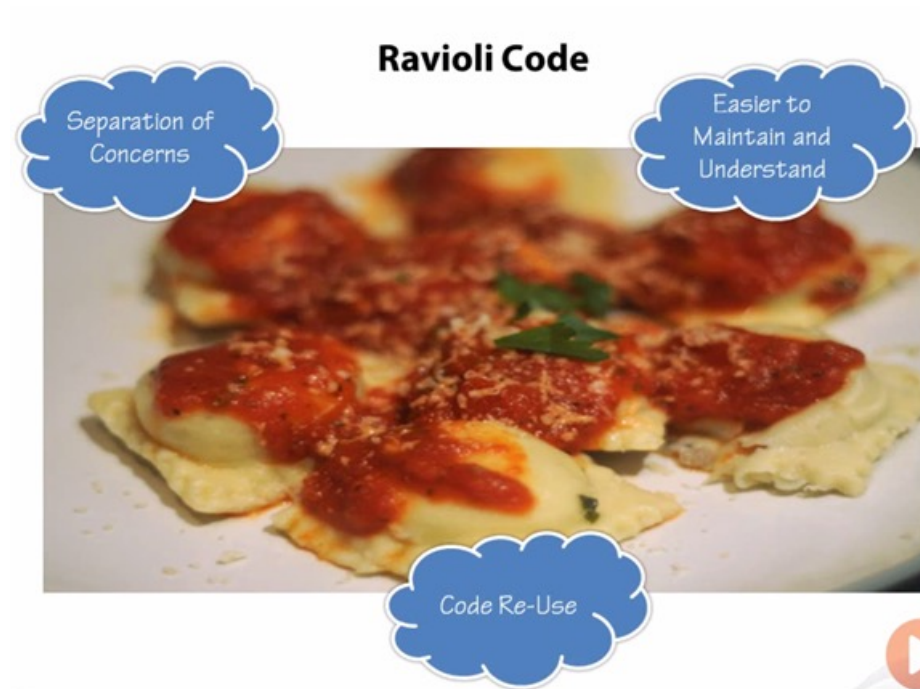
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**Spaghetti code:** multiple pages of nested if clauses or for loops  
Lots of copy-pasted procedural code; no proper segmentation  
Particularly hard to maintain



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# Summary: What are key signs of poor code?

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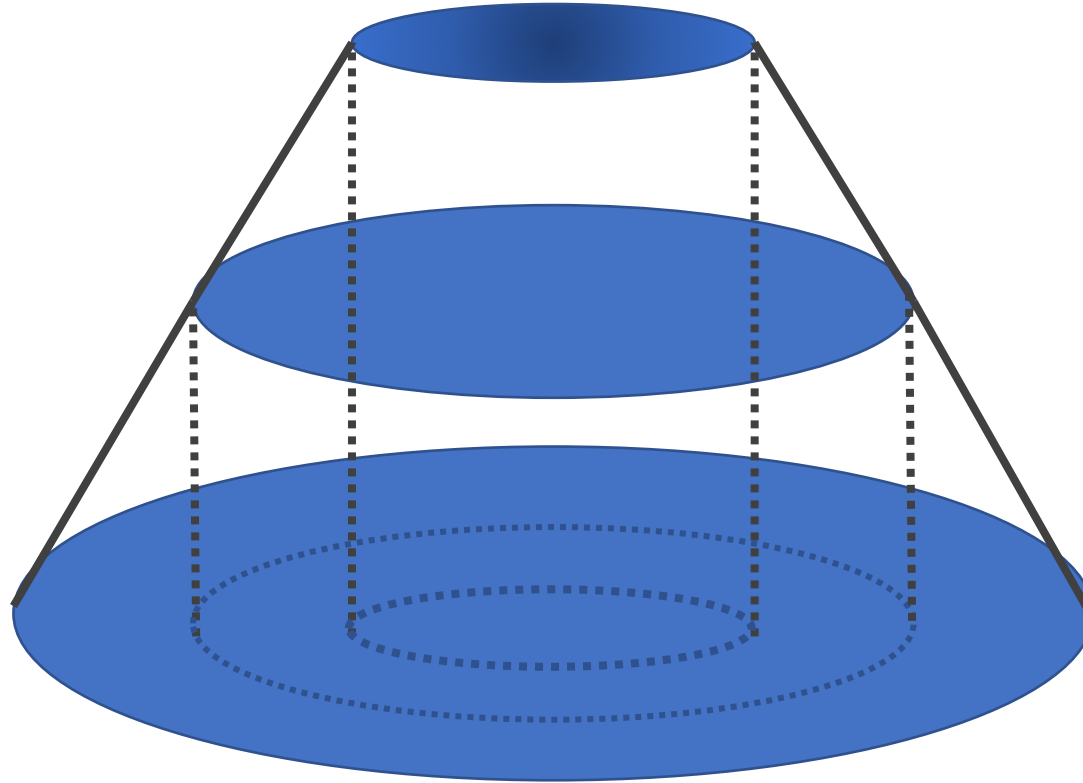
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## Abstraction

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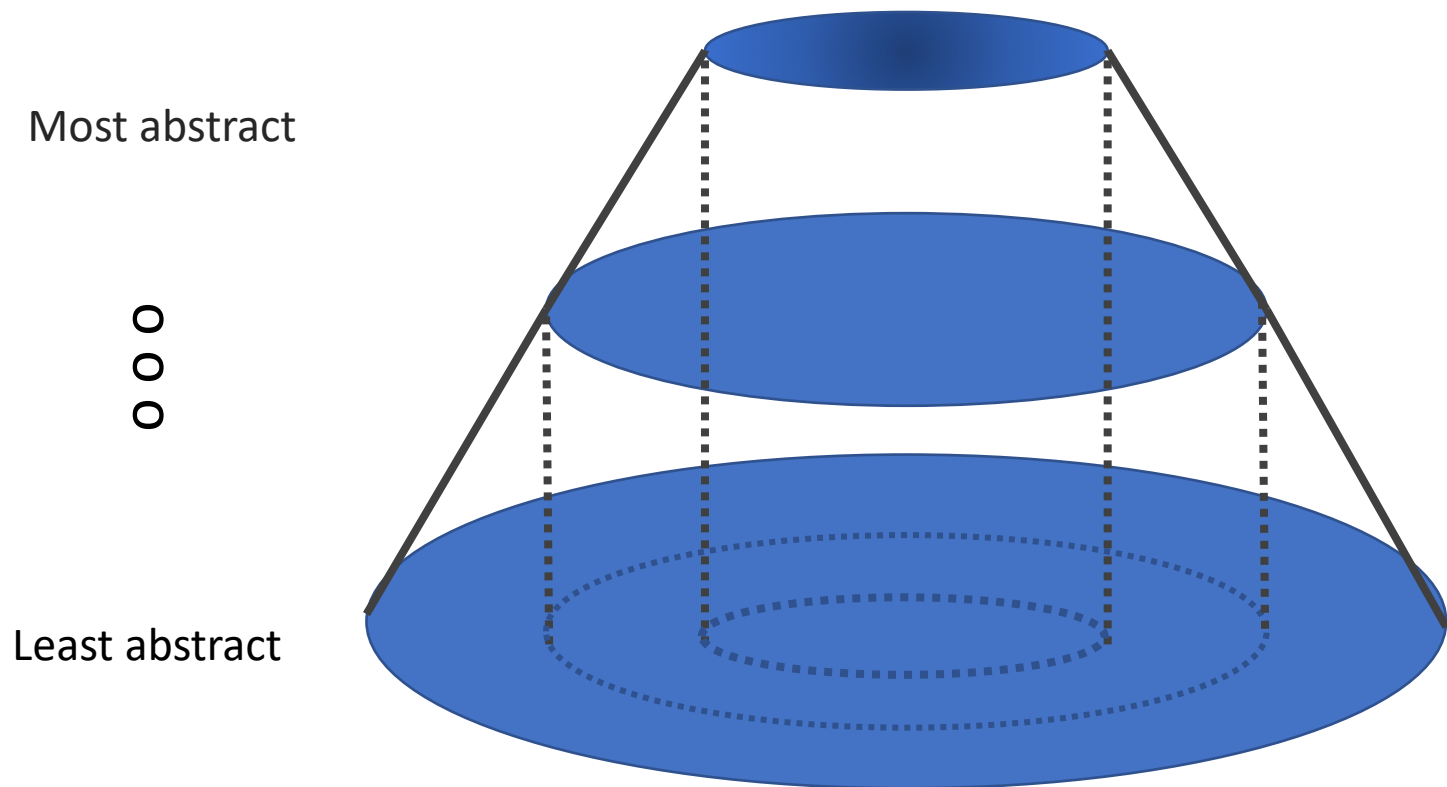
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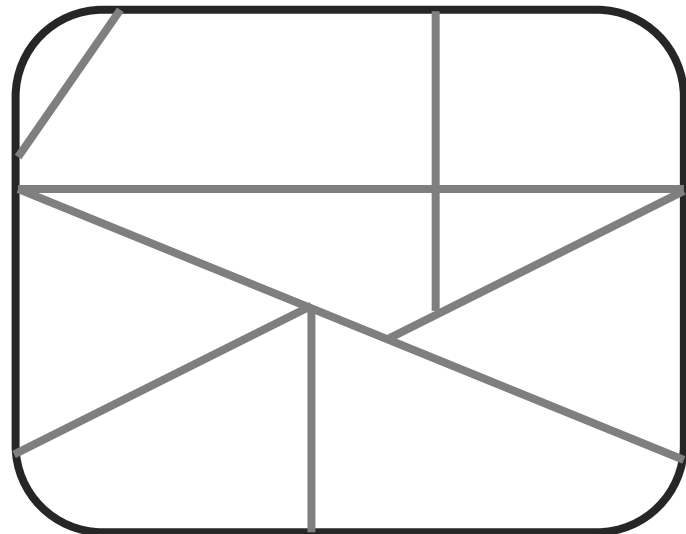


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Decomposition



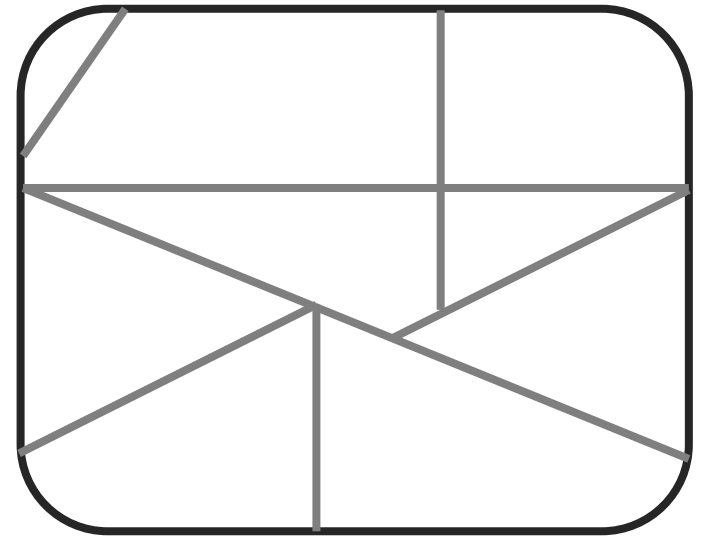
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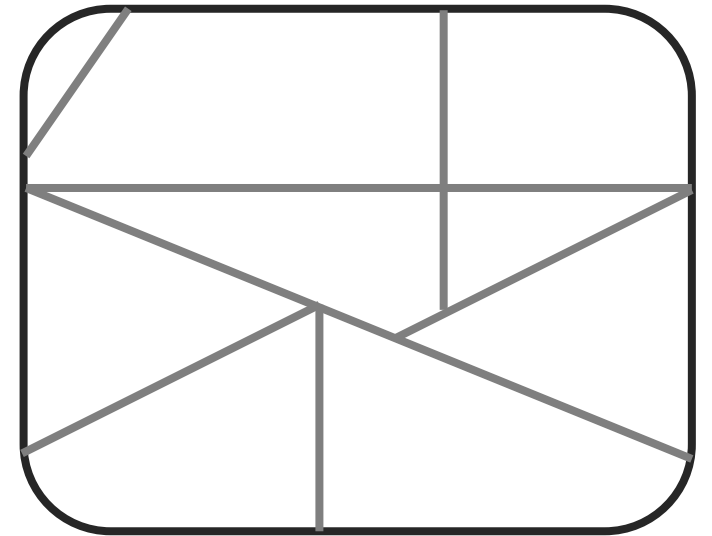
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## Different devices work together to achieve an end goal

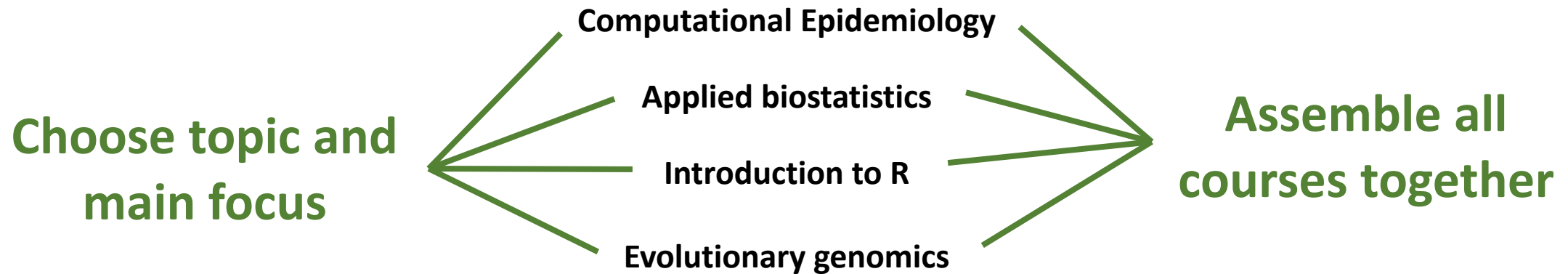
- ✓ Different people can work on different subproblems
  - ✓ Parallelizing tasks
  - ✓ Maintenance is easier
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- x Solutions to subproblems may not be easy to combine
  - x Not suitable for poorly understood problems

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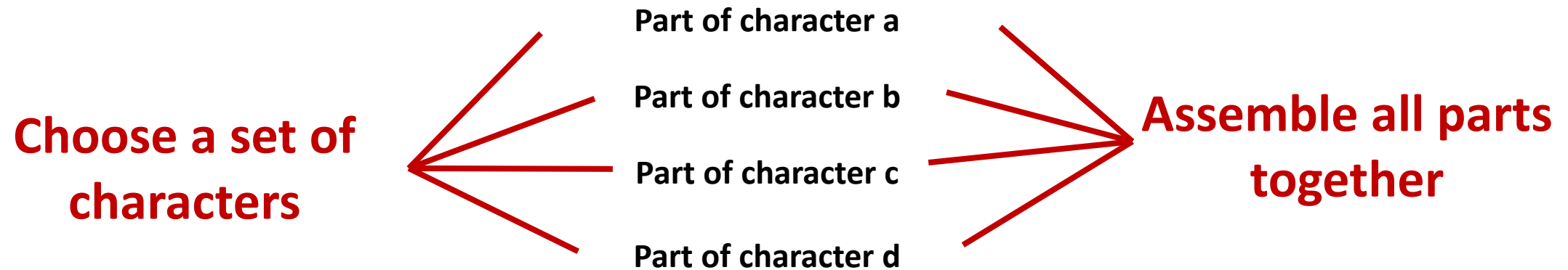


# Examples of decomposition

## ✓ Designing a new study program



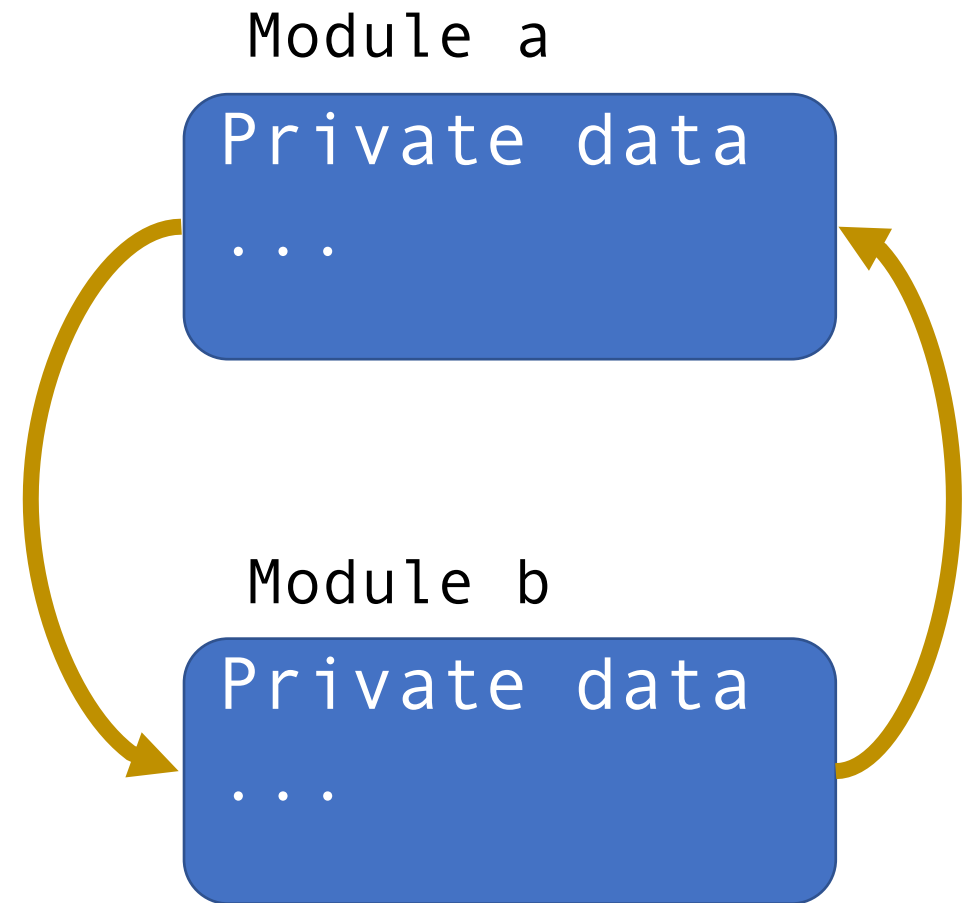
## x Writing a script



# Decomposition

## Step 1: What are the components?

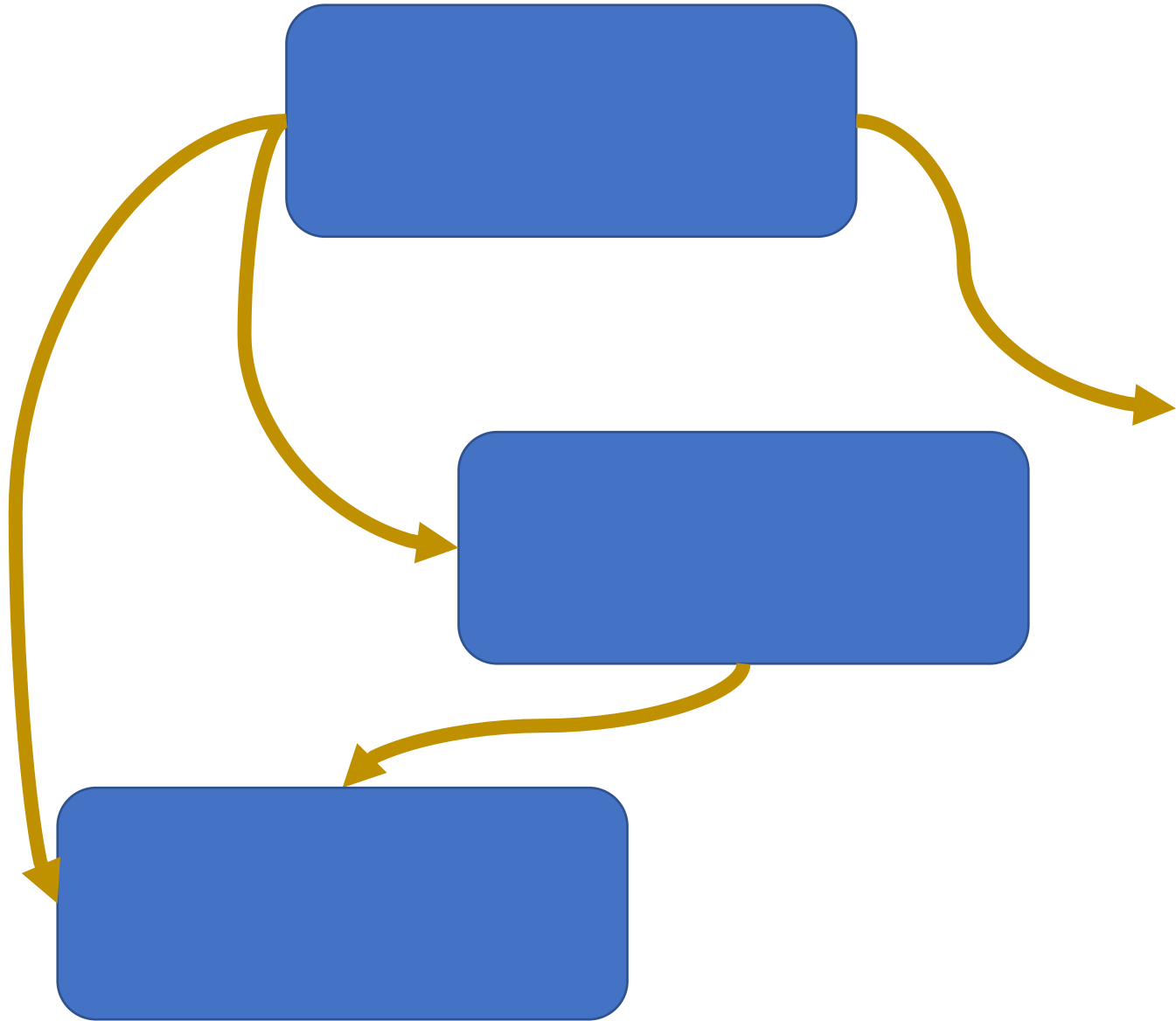
- minimize dependencies between components
- coupling across components
- cohesion within each component
  
- Information hiding
- modules can keep their data private
- limited access procedures



# Decomposition

## Step 2: Designing the components

- structure
- data flow diagrams
- object diagrams
- ...
- coding the components!



# Abstraction

## Abstraction

Software reasoning

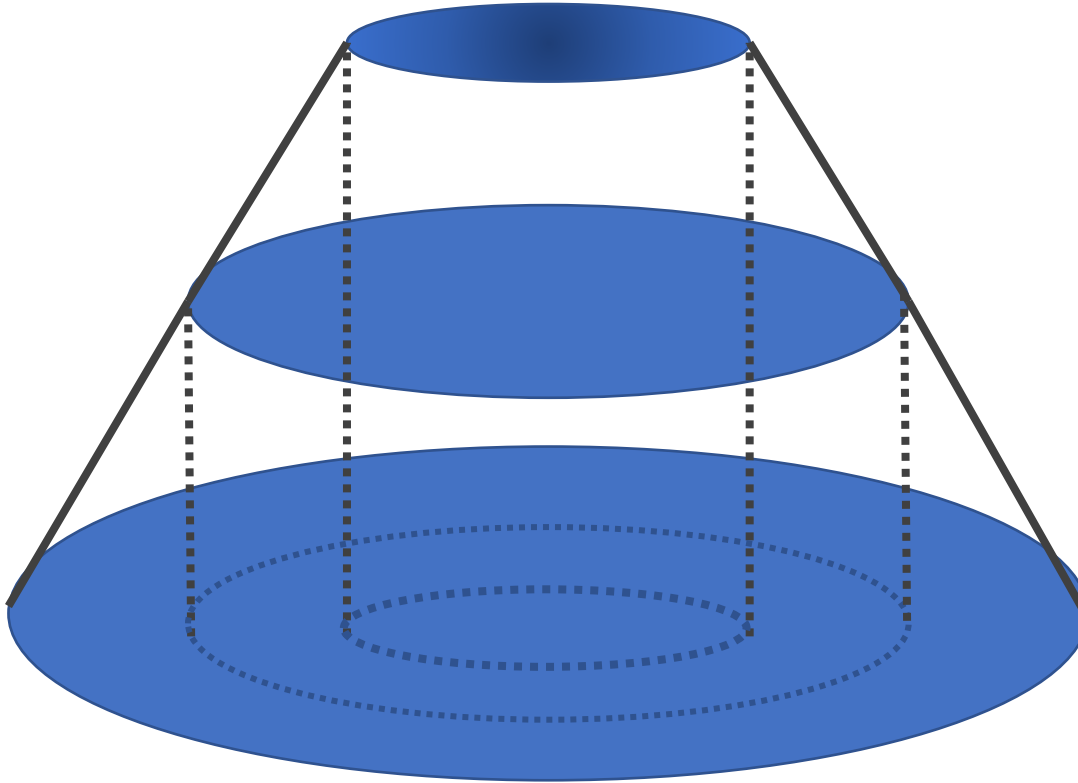
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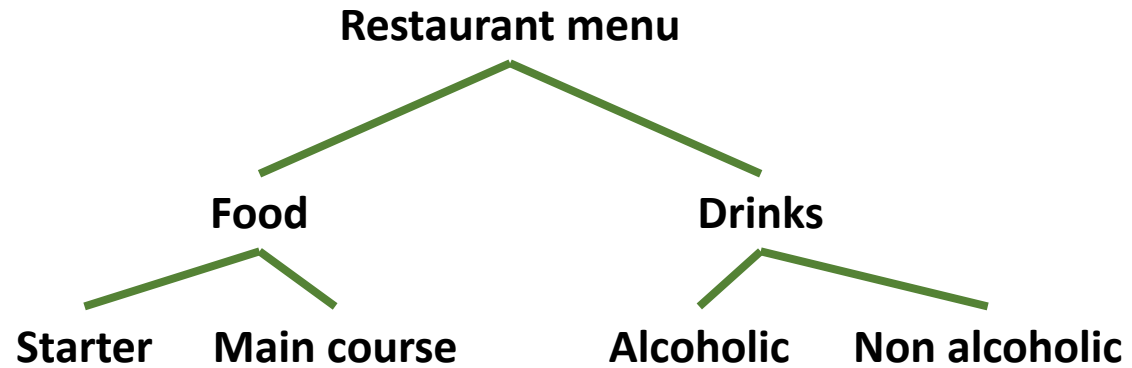
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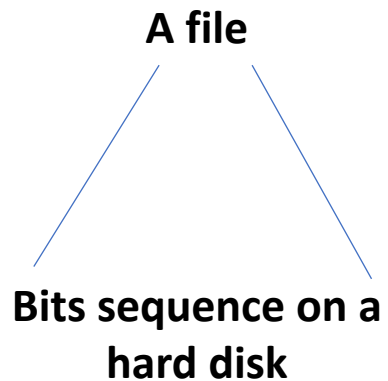
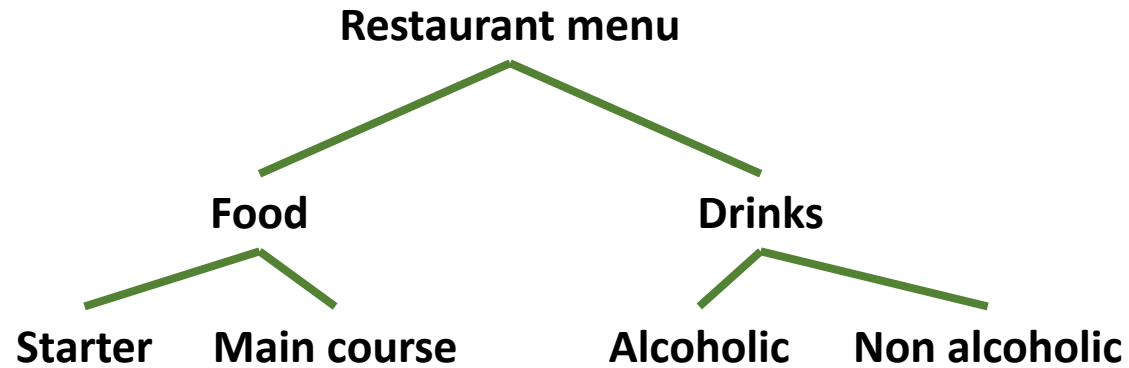


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*Abstraction idea: we do not need to know the implementation details to be able to use a file*

# Abstraction & Decomposition

## Abstraction

**A piece of code can be seen as a black box**

- we do not see details
- we do not need to see the details
- hiding tedious coding details

→ *function specifications or docstrings*

## Decomposition

**Divide code into modules**

- self-contained
- intended to be reusable
- help keep code organized
- keeping code coherent

→ *decomposition with functions or classes*



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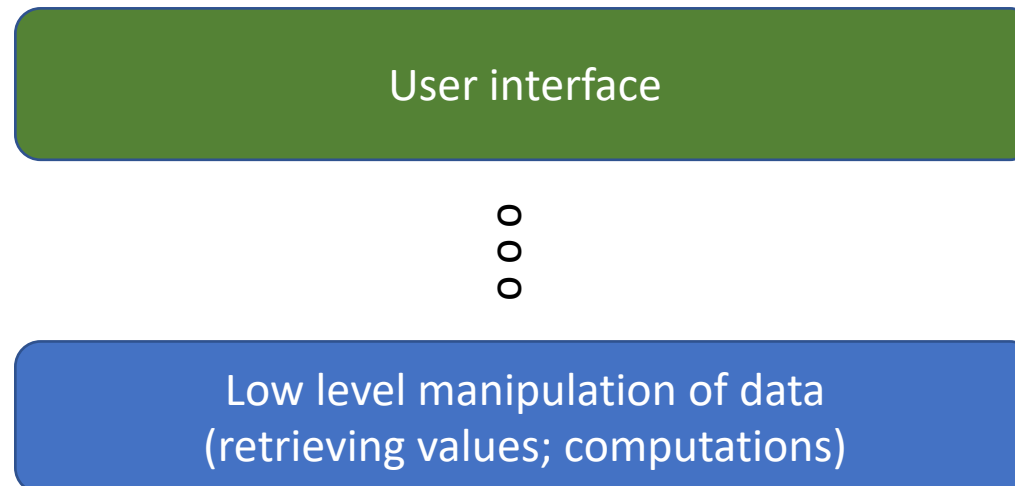
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*Example:* One layer of a project can handle interfacing with user actions  
Another layer: handles low-level manipulation of data



# Structuring code with modules

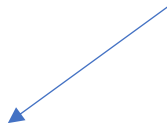
## Modules can be:

- built-in (os / sys)
- Third party modules that are installed in environment
- Internal modules written for a project

## Modules can be named:

- Short
- Lowercase
- Avoiding special symbols (. ?)

*Python expects file  
"module.py" inside folder  
"my"*



Example of what to avoid: `my.module.py`

# Handling modules into our code

## How to best import modules?

`import mymodule` will :

- (a) search for the file `mymodule.py` in our working directory;
- (b) if it does not exist, it will search for `mymodule.py` in the python path recursively;
- (c) if it does not exist an `ImportError` exception will be raised

What are practices for importing modules?

# Importing modules

Showing what is imported in the local namespace is advised

`import *` will not show explicitly what is imported

## Very bad

```
[...]
from modu import *
[...]
x = sqrt(4)  # Is sqrt part of modu? A builtin? Defined above?
```

## Better

```
from modu import sqrt
[...]
x = sqrt(4)  # sqrt may be part of modu, if not redefined in between
```

## Best

```
import modu
[...]
x = modu.sqrt(4)  # sqrt is visibly part of modu's namespace
```

# Decomposition with functions

**Functions: reusable pieces of code**

**They only run when 'called'**

```
def functionName(arg1, arg2):  
    """  
    This is template function.  
    input: arg1, arg2  
    Returns: something  
    """  
    Function_body  
    ...  
    return something
```

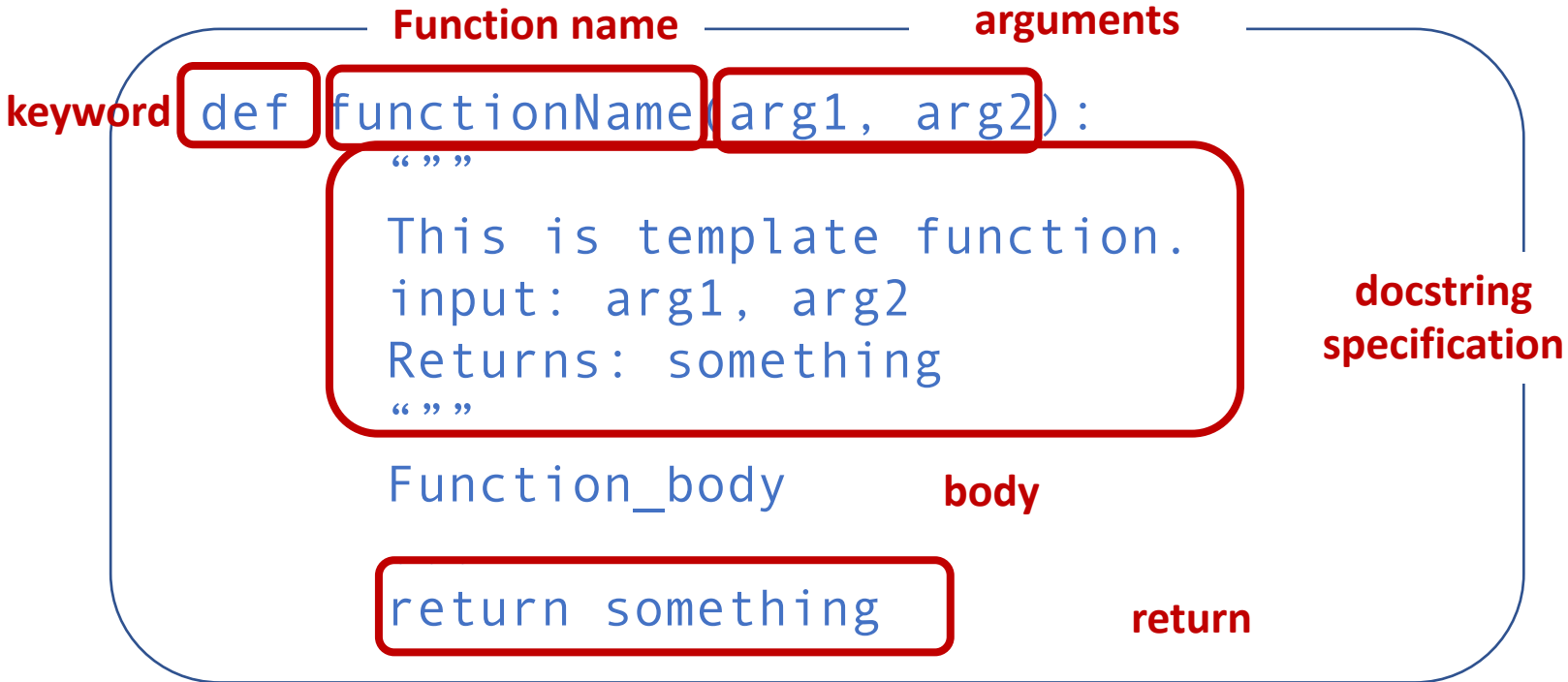
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# Function types

- Built-in functions : e.g. `min()` `type()`
- User-defined functions
- Anonymous functions (`lambda`)



# Decomposition with Methods (reminder)

```
class ClassName:
```

```
    def MethodName():
```

```
        .....
```

```
        Method_body
```

```
        .....
```

```
class Furniture(object):
```

```
    def my_method(self):
```

```
        print("This is a chair")
```

```
chair = Furniture()
```

```
chair.my_method()
```

```
This is a chair
```

# Functions vs. Methods

## **A. Methods are called on an object**

*We call our method: “my\_method” on the object “chair”*

A method can access that data within the object

Functions are called without any object

## **B. Methods can alter the object’s state**

Functions operate on an object

***Methods: Functions which belong to an object***

# Reminder: object-oriented programming in python



## 10. Classes and Object-Oriented Programming

### Topics

- Procedural and Object-Oriented Programming
- Classes
- Working with Instances
- Techniques for Designing Classes



## 11. Inheritance

### Topics

- Introduction to Inheritance
- Polymorphism

*Please refer to: Basic programming for non-informaticians. With practicals.*

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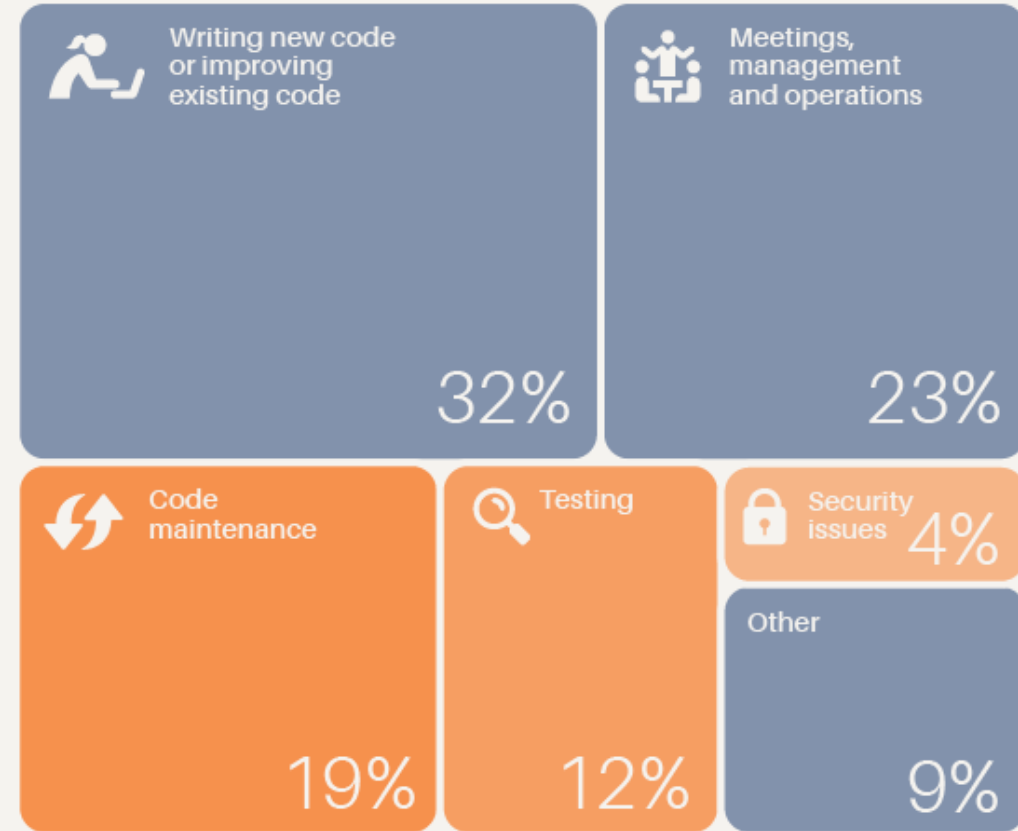
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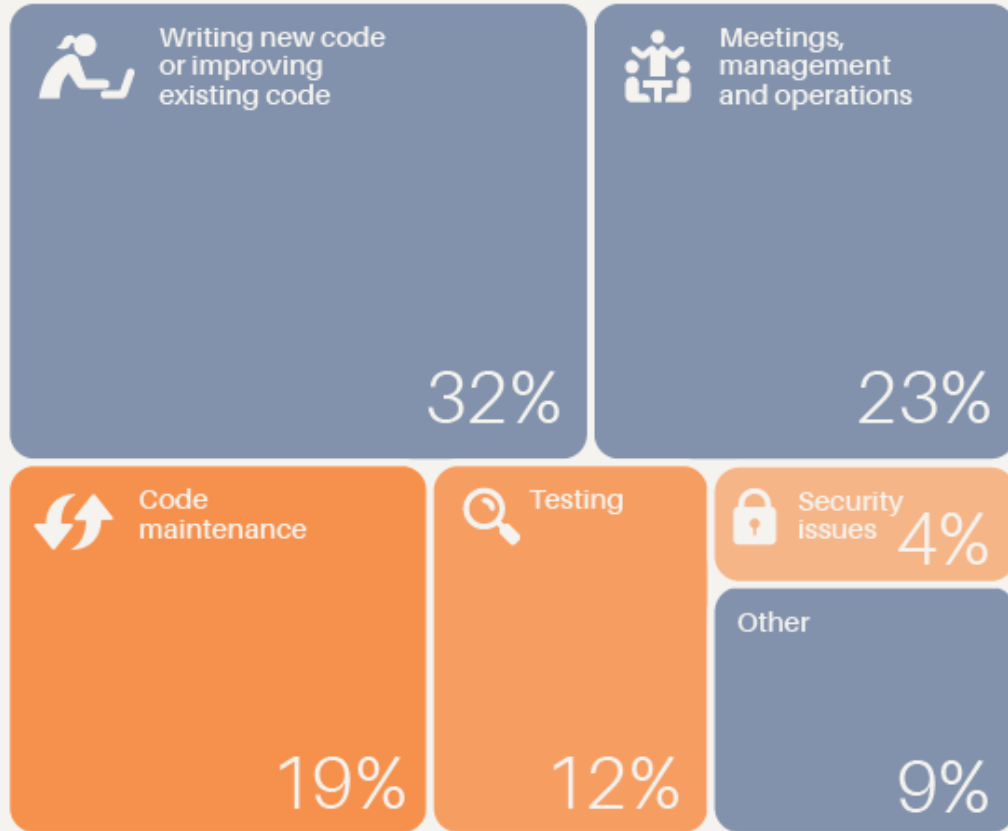


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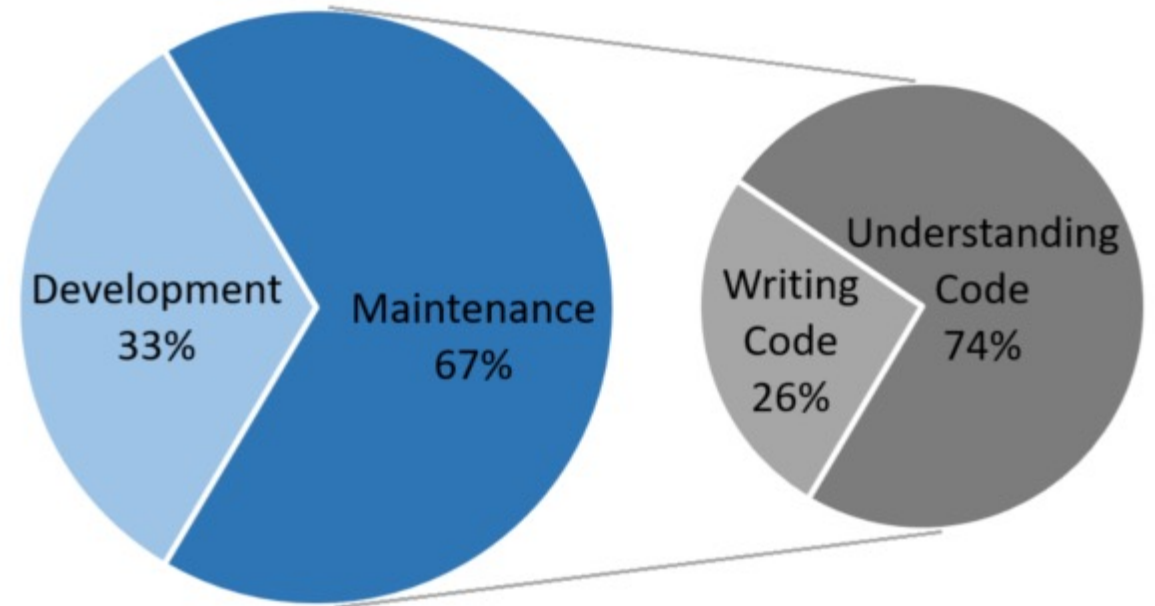
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# Python styles and coding guidelines

- ✓ Consistent code
- ✓ Easy to read and understand
- ✓ Facilitates collaborative work

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## **PEP 8 -- Style Guide for Python Code**

**Python Enhancement Proposals**

<https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>



# Reminder: The ZEN of Python

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# Python Enhancement Proposal

## PEP 8 -- Style Guide for Python Code

- ✓ Design and style
- ✓ *Improves code readability*
- ✓ *Facilitates collaboration with others*

*What does it cover?*

- *Naming of variables*
- *Whitespaces*
- *Commenting of code*

*==> More readable code; easier to understand & maintain*

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- Naming for:
- Variables
  - Functions
  - Classes
  - Packages...

*Can we figure out from the name what it represents?*

Type	Naming example	
Function	my_function , function	
Variable	x, var, my_var	
Class	MyClass, Model	← No underscores
Method	method, my_method	← Similar to "Variable" (without single letter)
Constant	CONSTANT, MY_CONSTANT	
Module	my_module.py, module.py	
Package	package, mypackage	← No underscores

# Naming Conventions: How to choose names?

Descriptive names make clear what an object represents

Example:

## Variables

```
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print(b)  
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## Functions

```
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def mp(a):  
    return a * 100  
  
mp(2)
```

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def multiply_by_hundred(a):  
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# Code Layout

Laying out code can affect readability

Too many blank lines: sparse looking code; too few: unreadable

- Code Lay-out

- Indentation

- Tabs or Spaces?

- Maximum Line Length

- Should a Line Break Before or After a Binary Operator?

- Blank Lines

- Source File Encoding

- Imports

- Module Level Dunder Names

Use 4 spaces per indentation level

Spaces are the preferred indentation method\*

Limit all lines to a maximum of 79 characters

Break lines before binary operators

Surround top-level function and class definitions with two blank lines.

Imports should usually be on separate line

*\* According to PEP8. At least do not mix spaces with tabs*



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# Emphasizing simplicity in code

Often: several ways to perform a similar action

How to simplify?

## 1. Not comparing Boolean values to True or False

```
# Not recommended  
  
compar = 100 > 0  
if compar == True:  
    print('True, 100 is greater than 0')
```

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# Recommended  
  
compar = 100 > 0  
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Equivalent ways to code the same thing

**Simpler one is preferred**

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## 2. Use the fact that empty sequences are false:

```
# Not recommended  
  
my_list = []  
if not len(my_list):  
    print('Empty list')
```

Empty list

*We may be tempted to compute the length of a list (empty lists have a length of 0)*

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Empty list

**Empty lists in python are False by default!**

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**3. Use `".startswith()"` and `".endswith()"` instead of string slicing to check for prefixes or suffixes.**

```
# Not recommended
```

```
if foo[:3] == 'bar':  
    print('Starting with bar')
```

*We may be tempted to use slicing  
Prone to errors!*

```
# Recommended
```

```
if foo.startswith('bar'):  
    print('Starting with bar')
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**Less prone to errors & easier to read and understand!**

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**And many more:**

<https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/#code-lay-out>

# Should we ignore PEP 8?

Generally: it is recommended to follow PEP 8

Clean & Professional & Readable code

However, we may need to ignore PEP 8:

- if this breaks compatibility with existing code / software coding standards
- If code has to be compatible with older Python versions

# Examples of code

Good or bad examples?

```
my_function({variable: 3}, my_list[2], [])  
  
my_function( { variable: 3 }, my_list[ 2 ], )
```

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```
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## Good or bad examples?

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**x Bad:** Whitespace inside parentheses, brackets, or braces

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✓ **Good:** Operators are surrounded with a single whitespace on either side



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```
if attr:  
    print('attr is true!')  
  
if not attr:  
    print('attr is false!')
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```
if attr == True:  
    print('True!')  
  
if attr == None:  
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✓ **Good:** simply checking the value of our attribute

**x Bad**

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```
my_text = """For a long time I used to go to bed early. Sometimes, \
    when I had put out my candle, my eyes would close so quickly that I had not even \
    time to say "I'm going to sleep."""

from some.deep.module.inside.a.module import a_nice_function, another_nice_function, \
    yet_another_nice_function
```

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)

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    a_nice_function, another_nice_function, yet_another_nice_function)
```

# Examples of code

## Good or bad examples?

**x Bad**

```
my_text = """For a long time I used to go to bed early. Sometimes, \
    when I had put out my candle, my eyes would close so quickly that I had not even \
    time to say "I'm going to sleep."""

from some.deep.module.inside.a.module import a_nice_function, another_nice_function, \
    yet_another_nice_function
```

**✓ Good: avoiding backslashes; using parentheses**

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    "For a long time I used to go to bed early. Sometimes, "
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)

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```

# How can we control the quality of our code?

## Linters

Programs that analyse flag errors

Suggestions for how to fix the error

You can add them as extensions to your text editors

## Formatters

Programs that refactor your code to conform with PEP 8



# Outline for today

1. Coding principles for writing efficient code
2. Coding styles
- 3. Source Code Analysis**

# Static analysis of code

- Analyze compiled code or source code
- Help detect vulnerabilities without executing the code
- Execute quickly compared to dynamic analysis
- Towards automating code quality maintenance
- Help with refactoring (detecting duplicate / unused code)



pyflakes 2.4.0

```
pip install pyflakes
```



: my[py]

# Structuring python code

## Exemplar python file

```
python_file.py
1 class furniture:
2     def _init_(self, room):
3         self.room = room
4
5 my_chair = char('kitchen')
6
7 def pricing(furniture, store) :
8     furniture.price = 230
9
10 pricing(char('kitchen'), store1)
11
```

***Do you see anything problematic with this file?***



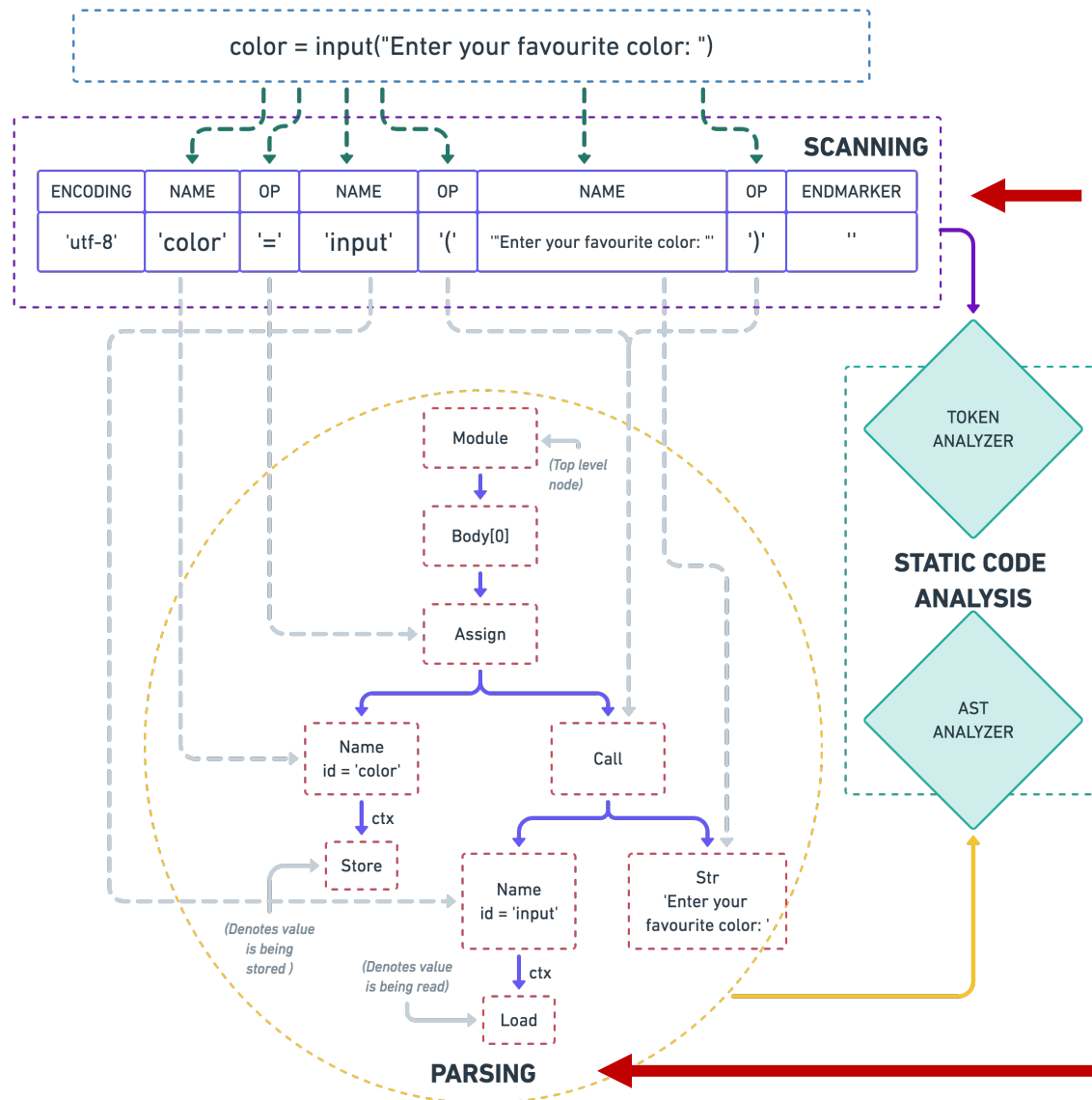
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***Do you see anything problematic with this file?  
How can we detect problems automatically?***

# Decomposing code



## Scanning:

Breaking down code into smaller chunks "tokens"

## Parser:

- validates that the sequence of tokens conforms to python's grammar
- organizes them in a tree-like structure
- high-level structure of the program.

**Abstract Syntax Tree -AST-**

# Structuring python code

pylint python\_file.py

```
staff-205-62:Structuring athina$ pylint python_file.py
No config file found, using default configuration
***** Module python_file
C: 7, 0: No space allowed before :
def    pricing(furniture, store) :
                        ^ (bad-whitespace)
C: 1, 0: Missing module docstring (missing-docstring)
C: 1, 0: Class name "furniture" doesn't conform to PascalCase naming style (invalid-name)
C: 1, 0: Missing class docstring (missing-docstring)
W: 3, 8: Attribute 'room' defined outside __init__ (attribute-defined-outside-init)
R: 1, 0: Too few public methods (0/2) (too-few-public-methods)
C: 5, 0: Constant name "my_chair" doesn't conform to UPPER_CASE naming style (invalid-name)
E: 5,11: Undefined variable 'char' (undefined-variable)
W: 7,14: Redefining name 'furniture' from outer scope (line 1) (redefined-outer-name)
C: 7, 0: Missing function docstring (missing-docstring)
W: 7,25: Unused argument 'store' (unused-argument)
E: 10, 8: Undefined variable 'chair' (undefined-variable)
E: 10,26: Undefined variable 'store1' (undefined-variable)

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Your code has been rated at -25.71/10
```

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W: warning

E: Errors

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← “Score” for our code

↑  
Line in file

How can we fix our code?

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Line in file

How can we fix our code?

# Improving our python file

## *Earlier version*

```
python_file.py
1 class furniture:
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3         self.room = room
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6
7 def  pricing(furniture, store) :
8     furniture.price = 230
9
10 pricing(char('kitchen'), store1)
```

Extra space



## *Newer version*

```
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4
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6
7 def pricing(furniture, store):
8     furniture.price = 230
9
10 pricing(char('kitchen'), store1)
```



# Checking code again

`pylint python_file.py`

```
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Your code has been rated at -24.29/10 (previous run: -25.71/10, +1.43)

staff-205-62:Structuring athina$ pylint python_file.py
No config file found, using default configuration
***** Module python_file
C:  5, 0: Missing class docstring (missing-docstring)
W:  7, 8: Attribute 'room' defined outside __init__ (attribute-defined-outside-init)
R:  5, 0: Too few public methods (0/2) (too-few-public-methods)
C:  9, 0: Constant name "my_chair" doesn't conform to UPPER_CASE naming style (invalid-name)
C: 11, 0: Missing function docstring (missing-docstring)
W: 11,25: Unused argument 'store' (unused-argument)
E: 14, 8: Undefined variable 'chair' (undefined-variable)
E: 14,26: Undefined variable 'store1' (undefined-variable)

-----
```

```
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Your code has been rated at -12.86/10 (previous run: -24.29/10, +11.43)
```

```
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No config file found, using default configuration
***** Module python_file
W:  8, 8: Attribute 'room' defined outside __init__ (attribute-defined-outside-init)
R:  5, 0: Too few public methods (0/2) (too-few-public-methods)
C: 10, 0: Constant name "my_chair" doesn't conform to UPPER_CASE naming style (invalid-name)
C: 12, 0: Missing function docstring (missing-docstring)
W: 12,25: Unused argument 'store' (unused-argument)
E: 15, 8: Undefined variable 'chair' (undefined-variable)
E: 15,26: Undefined variable 'store1' (undefined-variable)

-----
```

```
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Your code has been rated at -11.43/10 (previous run: -12.86/10, +1.43)
```

*There are still a few things to improve and correct...*

*Subjective feedback  
(Useful for forming a coding style)*

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10 pricing(char('kitchen'), store1)
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## *Newer version*

```
python_file.py
1 """
2 Advanced Python Lecture 11 tutorial
3 """
4
5 class Furniture:
6     """ This is a class """
7     def _init_(self, room):
8         self.room = room
9
10 my_chair = Furniture('kitchen')
11
12 def pricing(furniture, store):
13     furniture.price = 230
14
15 pricing(char('kitchen'), store1)
```



# A few more corrections later...

```
python_file.py
1  """
2  Advanced Python Lecture 11 tutorial
3  """
4
5  class Furniture:
6      """ This is a class """
7      def __init__(self, room):
8          self.room = room
9
10 MY_CHAIR = Furniture('kitchen')
11
12 def pricing(furniture):
13     """ This is a function """
14     furniture.price = 230
15
16 pricing(Furniture('kitchen'))
```

```
staff-205-62:Structuring athina$ pylint python_file.py
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***** Module python_file
R:  5, 0: Too few public methods (0/2) (too-few-public-methods)

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Your code has been rated at 8.57/10 (previous run: 7.14/10, +1.43)
```

Our code has improved:

- Naming of constants
- Docstrings for functions and classes
- No unused variables

**How do we ignore recommendations?**

# Ignoring suggestions

Several suggestions may be subjective

To ignore them we can add a comment in the line where they appear, example:

```
#pylint: disable=too-few-public-methods
```

10/10 !

```
[staff-205-62:Structuring athina$ pylint python_file.py
No config file found, using default configuration

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Your code has been rated at 10.00/10 (previous run: 8.57/10, +1.43)
```

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2  Advanced Python Lecture 11 tutorial
3  """
4
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# Summary: Static analysis of code

Analyzing code **without** executing it

Fast to perform; little effort to fix; it can uncover common mistakes

--> Ensure conformity of our code with coding styles (PEP-8)

**Improves homogeneity in a coding project, especially useful when multiple contributors work on the same code**

Several suggestions may be subjective

The score we receive as output is also subjective

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