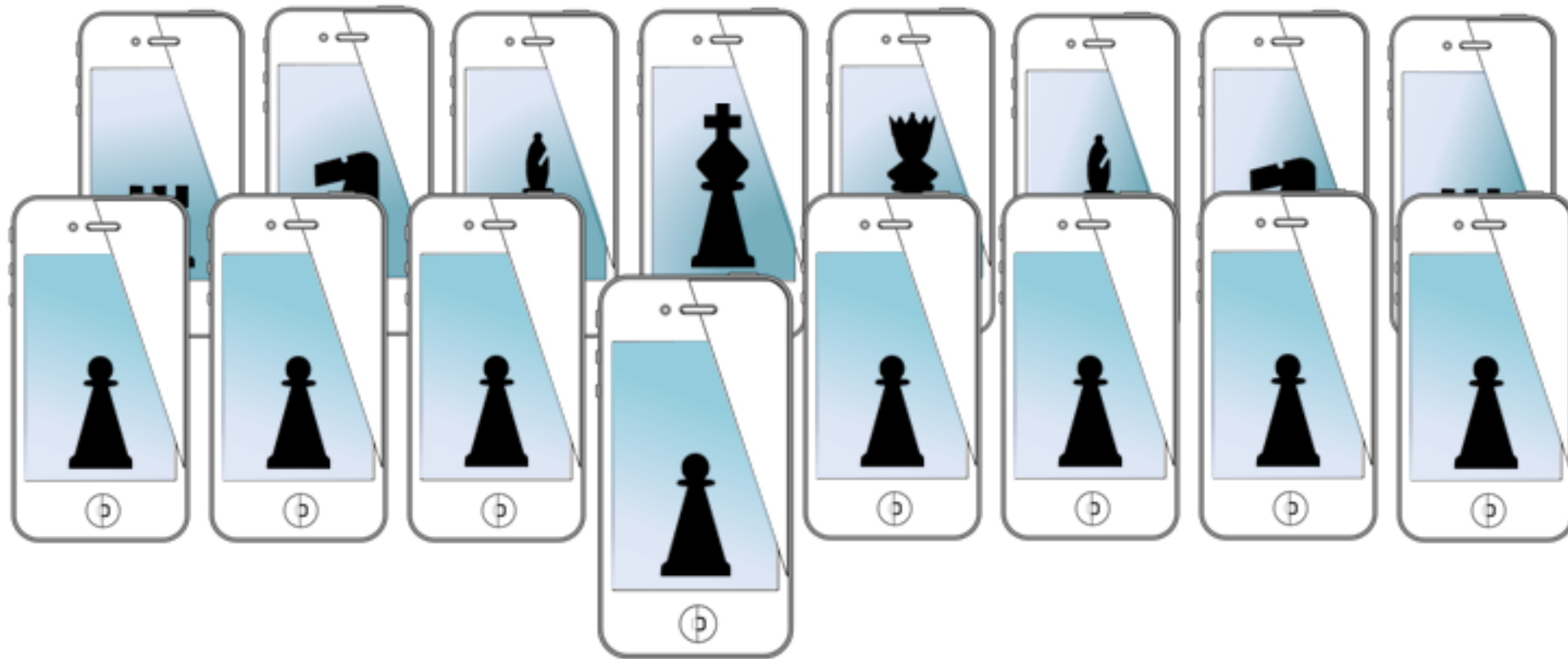


# MOBILE SENSING LEARNING



## CSE5323 & 7323

Mobile Sensing and Learning

week nine: python crash-course, tornado

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# course logistics

- A5 is due next week
  - sensors okay?
  - other issues?

# assignment 5

- Reads and displays data from two or more sensors/hardware attached to the arduino
  - one sensor/input must use analog voltage (e.g., as simple as a potentiometer)
  - the other inputs(s) can be analog, digital, or binary output (e.g., as simple as a button)
  - the display of the sensor data should be more than just a text label
  - Create a protocol for encoding and interpreting the data on the iPhone
- Sends two or more control commands to the microcontroller that change the behavior of the arduino (i.e., the arduino interpretes the commands and changes something)
  - make the controls change something noticeable in the operation of the Arduino
  - the output must make use of a PWM signal (implemented in hardware)
- The Arduino sketch should also:
  - use one or more interrupts
    - for example, use a button as input
    - the interrupt must change something noticeable in the operation of the Arduino
    - use proper debouncing
  - use digital outputs (GPIO)
    - for example to control LED(s), pin 13 is already setup for this
  - use PWM (in hardware, look at which GPIO pins can do this)
  - use the ADC (for the analog input part)

# agenda

- history of python
- syntax
  - pythonic conventions
  - simple examples
- if time:
  - web handling
  - document databases



# python



- Guido van Rossum

From wikipedia:

Over six years ago, in December 1989, I was looking for a "hobby" programming project that would keep me occupied during the week around Christmas. My office ... would be closed, but I had a home computer, and not much else on my hands. I decided to write an interpreter for the new scripting language I had been thinking about lately: a descendant of ABC that would appeal to Unix/C hackers. I chose Python as a working title for the project, being in a slightly irreverent mood (and a big fan of [Monty Python's Flying Circus](#)).

-Guido van Rossum in 1996



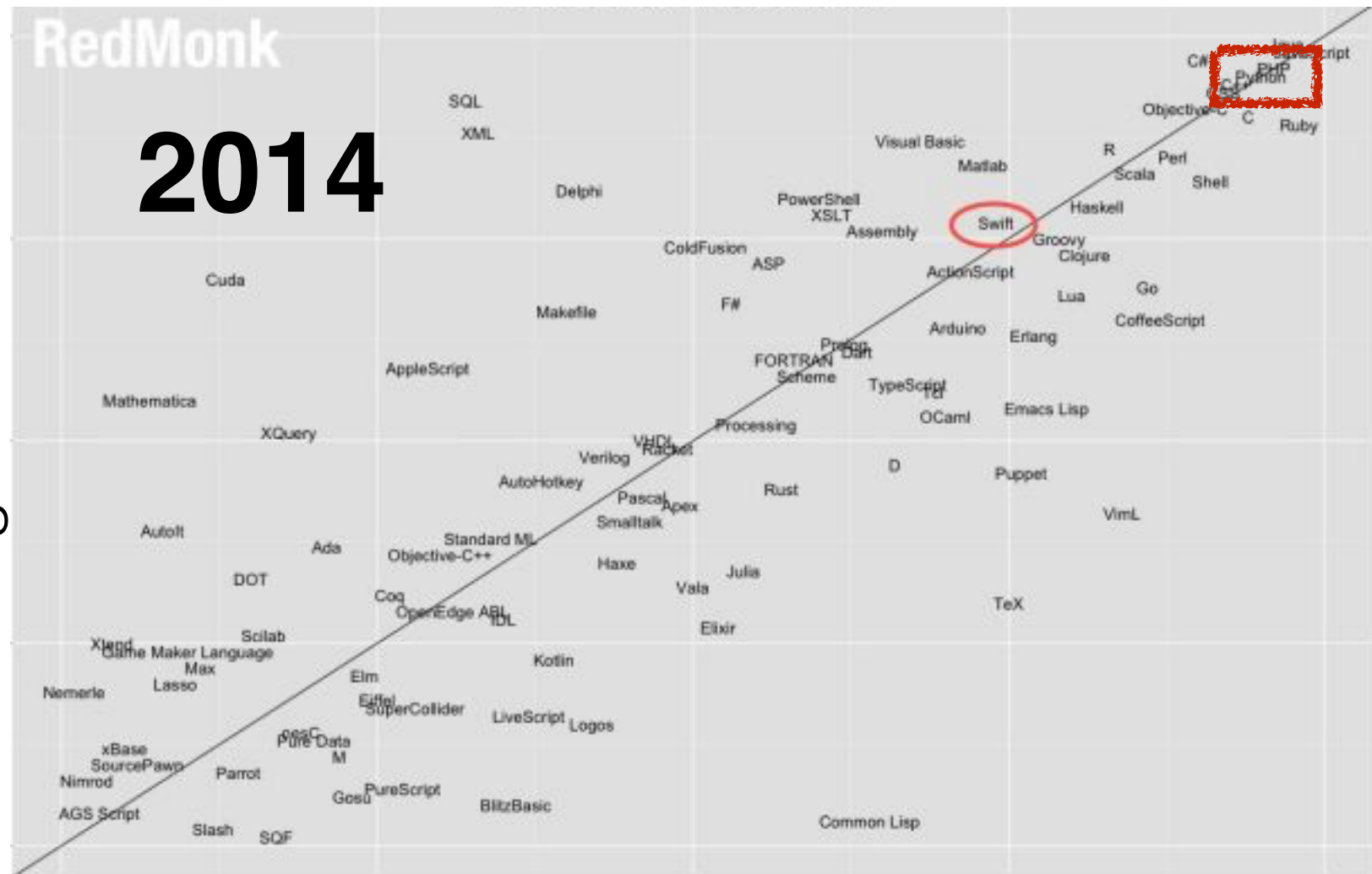


# python adoption



- appears in every programming top ten list

number of tags on stack overflow



you (probably)  
should know it!

number of github projects



# python disclaimers



- weakly typed variables (dynamic)
- its an interpreter (kinda)
  - loops are slow
  - until they are not (compile it)
- can't use parallel instructions natively
  - unless you use IPython
- more similar to swift than you know
  - kinda
- can be the glue for your different codebases



# python releases



- 1.0 (up to 1.6)
  - basic python, complex numbers, lambdas
- 2.0 (up to 2.7.9, updated in January)
  - unified types, made completely object oriented
- 3.0 (up to 3.4.3, updated in February)
  - eliminate multiple paradigms (kinda)
  - 2.x not necessarily compatible with 3.x

# installation

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- install anaconda
- use python 3.5
- use conda environments

# python

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- hello world!
- from a script and from an interpreter

# python



- many different coding “styles”
- “best” styles get the distinction of “pythonic”
  - ill formed definition
  - changes as the language matures
- pythonic code is:
  - simple and readable
  - uses dynamic typing when possible
- ...or to quote Tim Peters...

# python zen



```
>>> import this
The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters
```

type this

```
Beautiful is better than ugly.
Explicit is better than implicit.
Simple is better than complex.
Complex is better than complicated.
Flat is better than nested.
Sparse is better than dense.
Readability counts.
```

get this

```
Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.
```

```
Although practicality beats purity.
```

```
Errors should never pass silently.
```

```
Unless explicitly silenced.
```

```
In the face of ambiguity, choose the right solution.
```

```
There should be one-- and preferably only one -- obvious way to do it.
```

```
Although that way may not be obvious at first sight.
```

```
Now is better than never.
```

```
Although never is often better than right now.
```

```
If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.
```

```
If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.
```

```
Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!
```

python is quirky

but, don't assume that means

it is not a **serious** tool

ss.  
s way to do it.  
ou're Dutch.

**right** now.



# syntax, python 3



- numbers
  - int or float

- complex numbers

```
>>> 7*5
35
>>> 5/7
0.7142857142
>>> 7/5
1.4
>>> 7.0/5
1.4
```

```
>>> tmpVar = 4
>>> print tmpVar
4
>>> tmpVar/8
0.5
>>> tmpVar/8.0
0.5
```

```
>>> 1+1j
(1+1j)
>>> (1+1j)*5
(5+5j)
>>> 1+1j + 4
(5+1j)
```

# syntax

- strings
- immutable



```
>>> 'single quotes'
'single quotes'
>>> "double quotes"
'double quotes'
>>> 'here is "double quotes"'
'here is "double quotes"'
>>> 'here is \'single quotes\''
"here is 'single quotes'"
>>> "here are also \"double quotes\""
'here are also "double quotes"'
```

```
>>> someString = 'MobileSensingAndLearning'
>>> someString[:5]
'Mobil'
>>> someString[5:]
'eSensingAndLearning'
>>> someString+'AndControl'
'MobileSensingAndLearningAndControl'
>>> someString*3
'MobileSensingAndLearningMobileSensingAndLearningMobileSensingAndLearning'
>>> someString[-5:]
'ring'
>>> someString[:-5]
'MobileSensingAndLea'
>>> someString[5]
'e'
>>> someString[-1]
'g'
>>> someString[-2]
'n'
```

```
>>> someString[5] = 'r'
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<pyshell#32>", line 1, in <module>

someString[5] = 'r'

TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

# syntax



- tuples
- lists
  - highly versatile and mutable
  - containers for anything

```
>>> aTuple = 45, 67, "not a number"
>>> aTuple
(45, 67, 'not a number')
```

immutable

```
>>> aList = ["a string", 5.0, 6, [4, 3, 2]]
>>> print(aList)
['a string', 5.0, 6, [4, 3, 2]]
>>> aList[0]
'a string'
>>> aList[2]
6
>>> aList[-1]
[4, 3, 2]
```

```
>>> anotherList = []
>>> i=0
>>> i+=1
>>> i
1
>>> while i<1000:
    anotherList.append(i)
    i+=i
```

```
>>> print anotherList
[1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512]
```

```
>>> len(aList)
4
>>> len(aList[-1])
3
>>> aList[0:1]=[]
>>> print(aList)
[5.0, 6, [4, 3, 2]]
>>> aList[0:2]=[]
>>> print(aList)
[[4, 3, 2]]
```

# syntax loops



- for, while
  - indentation ~~matters~~ *is the only thing* that **matters**

```
i=0
while i<10:
    print (str(i) + ' is less than 10')
    i+=1
else:
    print (str(i) + ' is not less than 10')
```

```
classTeams = ['Team', 'Monkey', 'CHC',
              'ThatGuyInTheBack', 42]

for team in classTeams:
    print (team * 4)
else:
    print ('ended for loop without break')
```

```
0 is less than 10
1 is less than 10
2 is less than 10
3 is less than 10
4 is less than 10
5 is less than 10
6 is less than 10
7 is less than 10
8 is less than 10
9 is less than 10
10 is not less than 10
```

```
TeamTeamTeamTeam
MonkeyMonkeyMonkeyMonkey
CHCCHCCHCCHC
ThatGuyInTheBackThatGuyInTheBackThatGuyInTheBackThatGuyInTheBack
168
ended for loop without break
```

# syntax loops



- for, while
- indentation ~~matters~~ *is the only thing* that **matters**

```
for i in range(10):  
    print (i)
```

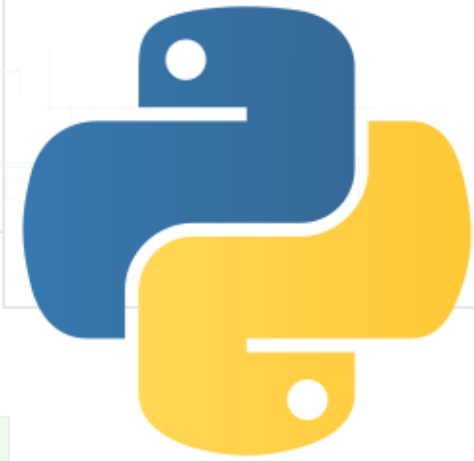
0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9

```
for j in range(2,10,2):  
    print (j)
```

2  
4  
6  
8



# data structures



- lists can be used as a stack

```
>>> classTeams = ['Team', 'Monkey', 'CHC', 'ThatGuyInTheBack', 42]
>>> classTeams.pop()
42
>>> classTeams.pop()
'ThatGuyInTheBack'
>>> classTeams.sort()
>>> classTeams
['CHC', 'Monkey', 'Team']
```

- or can import queues
  - append(value)
  - pop\_left(), deque first element

- dictionaries

```
>>> myDictionary = {"teamA":45,"teamB":77}
>>> myDictionary
{'teamA': 45, 'teamB': 77}
>>> myDictionary["teamA"]
45
```

# lists and loops



- comprehensions

```
>>> timesFour = [x*x*x*x for x in range(10)]  
>>> timesFour  
[0, 1, 16, 81, 256, 625, 1296, 2401, 4096, 6561]
```

```
from random import randint  
grades = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'F']  
teamgrades = [grades[randint(0,4)] for t in range(8)]  
print (teamgrades)  
  
['C', 'A', 'B', 'F', 'A', 'C', 'A', 'D']
```

can be nested as much as you like!

only **pythonic** if it makes the code **more readable**

```
>>> timesFour = {x:x*x*x*x for x in range(10)}  
>>> timesFour  
{0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 16, 3: 81, 4: 256, 5: 625, 6: 1296, 7: 2401, 8: 4096, 9: 6561}
```

can use comprehensions with dictionaries too!

# lists and loops

```
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{0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 16, 3: 81, 4: 256, 5: 625, 6: 1296, 7: 2401, 8: 4096, 9: 6561}
```

can use comprehensions with dictionaries too!

```
from random import randint
```

```
teams = ['CHC', 'Team', 'DoerrKing', 'MCVW', 'etc.']
```

```
grades = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'F']
```

```
teamgrades = {team:grades[randint(0,4)] for team in teams}
```

```
teamgrades
```

```
{'etc.': 'F', 'CHC': 'A', 'DoerrKing': 'B', 'MCVW': 'B', 'Team': 'A'}
```



# pop quiz!



- add the numbers from 0 to 100, not including 100

```
sumValue = 0
for i in range(100):
    sumValue += i
```

more pythonic?

```
print (sumValue)
print (sum(range(100)))
print (100*(100-1)/2)
```

or use real math

now, print the **index** and **value** of elements in a list

```
list = [1,2,4,7,1,5,6,8]
for i in range(len(list)):
    print (str(list[i]) + " is at index " + str(i))
for i,element in enumerate(list):
    print (str(element) + " is at index " + str(i))
```

```
1 is at index 0
2 is at index 1
4 is at index 2
7 is at index 3
1 is at index 4
5 is at index 5
6 is at index 6
8 is at index 7
```

more pythonic

# conditionals



- if, elif, else, None, is, or, and, not, ==

```
a=5
b=5

if a==b:
    print ("Everybody is a five!")
else:
    print ("Wish we had fives...")

a=327676
b=a

if a is b:
    print ("These are the same object!")
else:
    print ("Wish we had the same objects...")

a=327676
b=327675+1

if a is b:
    print ("These are the same object!")
else:
    print ("Wish we had the same objects...")

a=5
b=4+1

if a is b:
    print ("Everybody is a five!")
else:
    print ("Wish we had fives...")
```

Everybody is a five!

These are the same object!

Wish we had the same objects

small integers are cached  
strings behave the same

Everybody is a five!



# conditionals



```
teacher = "eric"

if teacher is not "Eric":
    print ("Go get the prof for this class!")
else:
    print ("Welcome, Professor!")
```

Go get the prof ...

```
teachers = ["Eric", "Paul", "Ringo", "John"]

if "Eric" not in teachers:
    print ("Go get the prof for this class!")
else:
    print ("Welcome, Professor!")
```

Welcome!

```
teachers = ["Eric", "Paul", "Ringo", "John"]
shouldCheckForTeacher = True

if "Eric" not in teachers and shouldCheckForTeacher:
    print ("Go get the prof for this class!")
elif shouldCheckForTeacher:
    print ("Welcome, Professor!")
else:
    print ("Not checking")
```

Welcome!

# functions



- def keyword
  - like c, must be defined before use

```
def show_data(data):  
    # print the data  
    print (data)  
  
some_data = [1,2,3,4,5]  
show_data(some_data);  
  
def show_data(data,x=None,y=None):  
    # print the data  
    print data  
    if x is not None:  
        print (x)  
    if y is not None:  
        print (y)  
  
some_data = [1,2,3,4,5]  
show_data(some_data);  
show_data(some_data,x='a cool X value')  
show_data(some_data,y='a cool Y value',x='a cool X value')  
  
def get_square_and_tenth_power(x):  
    return x**2,x**10  
  
print (get_square_and_tenth_power(2))
```

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
a cool X value  
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
a cool X value  
a cool Y value

(4, 1024)

# debugging

- the python debugger
  - <http://docs.python.org/2/library/pdb.html>
  - if you have not used it, I just changed your life
- import pdb
- pdb.set\_trace()
- command line arguments
  - s(tep), c(ontinue), n(ext), w(here), l(ist), r(eturn), j(ump)
  - and much more... like print, p, pp
  - can set numbered break points by running from python window
    - python -m pdb your\_function.py

# python demos

- more demos:

[http://sandbox.mc.edu/~bennet/python/code/index.html?  
utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://sandbox.mc.edu/~bennet/python/code/index.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

# classes



- multiple inheritance
- “self” is always passed as first argument

```
class BodyPart(object):
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name;

class Heart(BodyPart):
    def __init__(self, rate=60, units="minute"):
        self.rate = rate
        self.units = units
        super(Heart, self).__init__("Heart")

    def __str__(self):
        print("name:" + str(self.name) + " has " + str(self.rate) + " beats per " + self.units)

myHeart = Heart(1, "second")
print(myHeart)
```



# python syntax “with”



- the “with” statement
- defines an “enter” and an “exit” protocol
- used commonly for opening files, where “open” adopts the “with” protocol

```
file = open("/some_file.txt")
try:
    data = file.read()
finally:
    file.close()

with open("/some_file.txt") as file:
    data = file.read()
```

# python generators



- kinda like static variables
- functions used to iterate through some process
- lots more that you can do, like send in values

```
def get_primes(number):  
    while True:  
        if is_prime(number):  
            yield number  
        number += 1  
  
total = 2  
for next_prime in get_primes(3):  
    if next_prime < 2000000:  
        total += next_prime
```

# python decorators



- wrap your method inside another method
- the wrapper changes some functionality

```
from time import sleep

def sleep_decorator(function):
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        sleep(2)
        return function(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapper

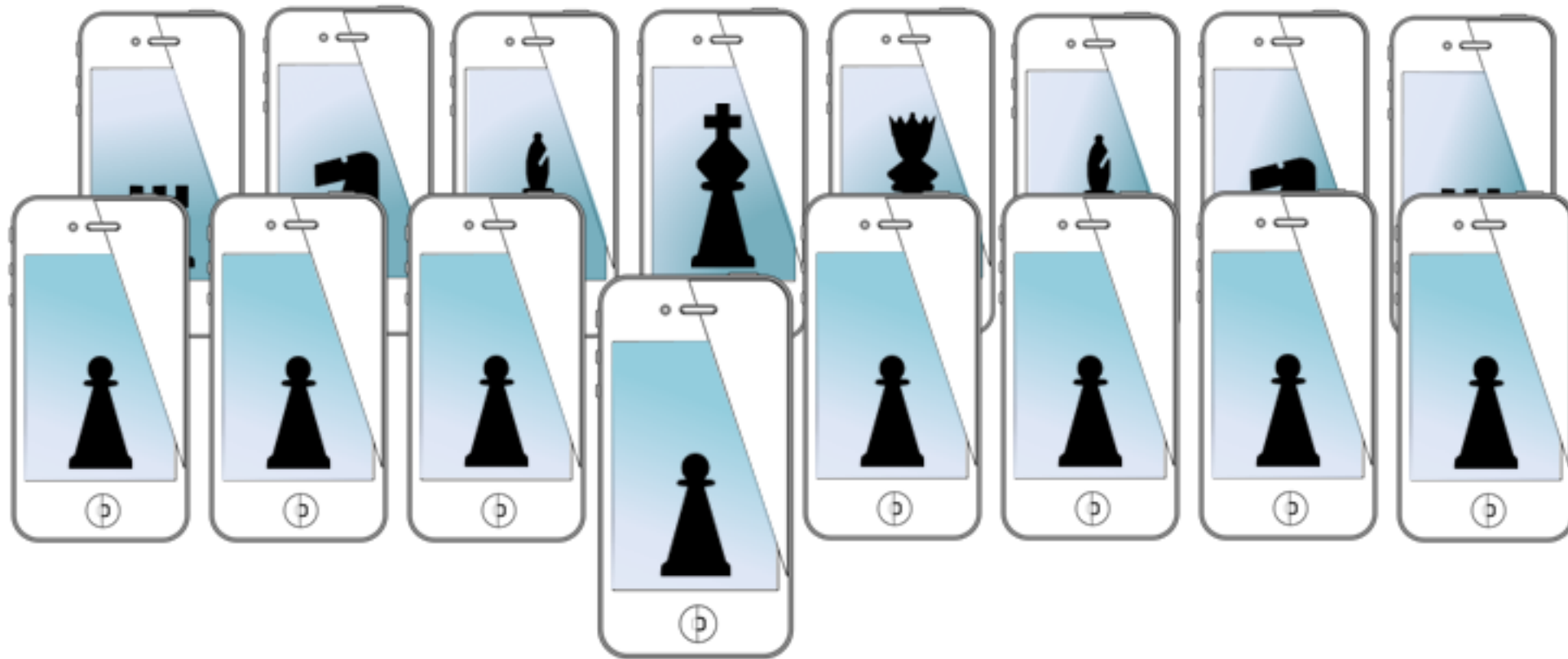
@sleep_decorator
def print_number(num):
    return num

print(print_number(222))

for num in range(1, 6):
    print(print_number(num))
```

used a **bunch**  
in web applications

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week nine: tornado and pymongo

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# tornado web

- non-blocking web server
  - built for short-lived requests (pipelined)
  - and long lived connections
- built to scale
  - an attempt to solve the 10k concurrent problem
- has a python implementation
  - open sourced by Facebook after acquiring [friendfeed.com](http://friendfeed.com)
  - originally developed by the developers of gmail and google maps (the original releases)
- uses IOLoop and callback model

# tornado web

also see this!

<http://www.slideshare.net/kurtiss/tornado-web>

and this!

<http://www.slideshare.net/gavinmroy/an-introduction-to-tornado?related=1>

yeah, this too!

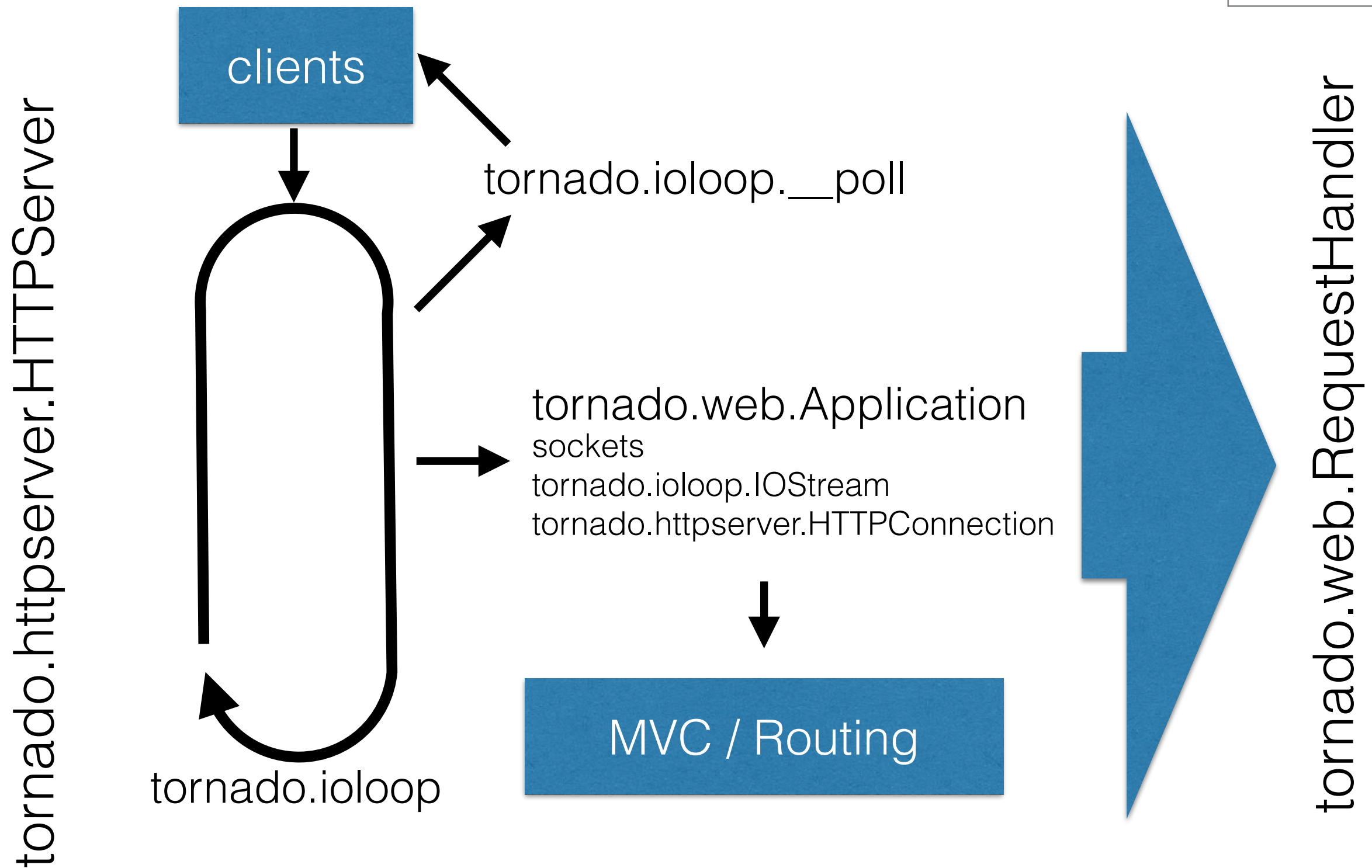
<http://www.slideshare.net/chebrian/introduction-to-tornado?related=2>



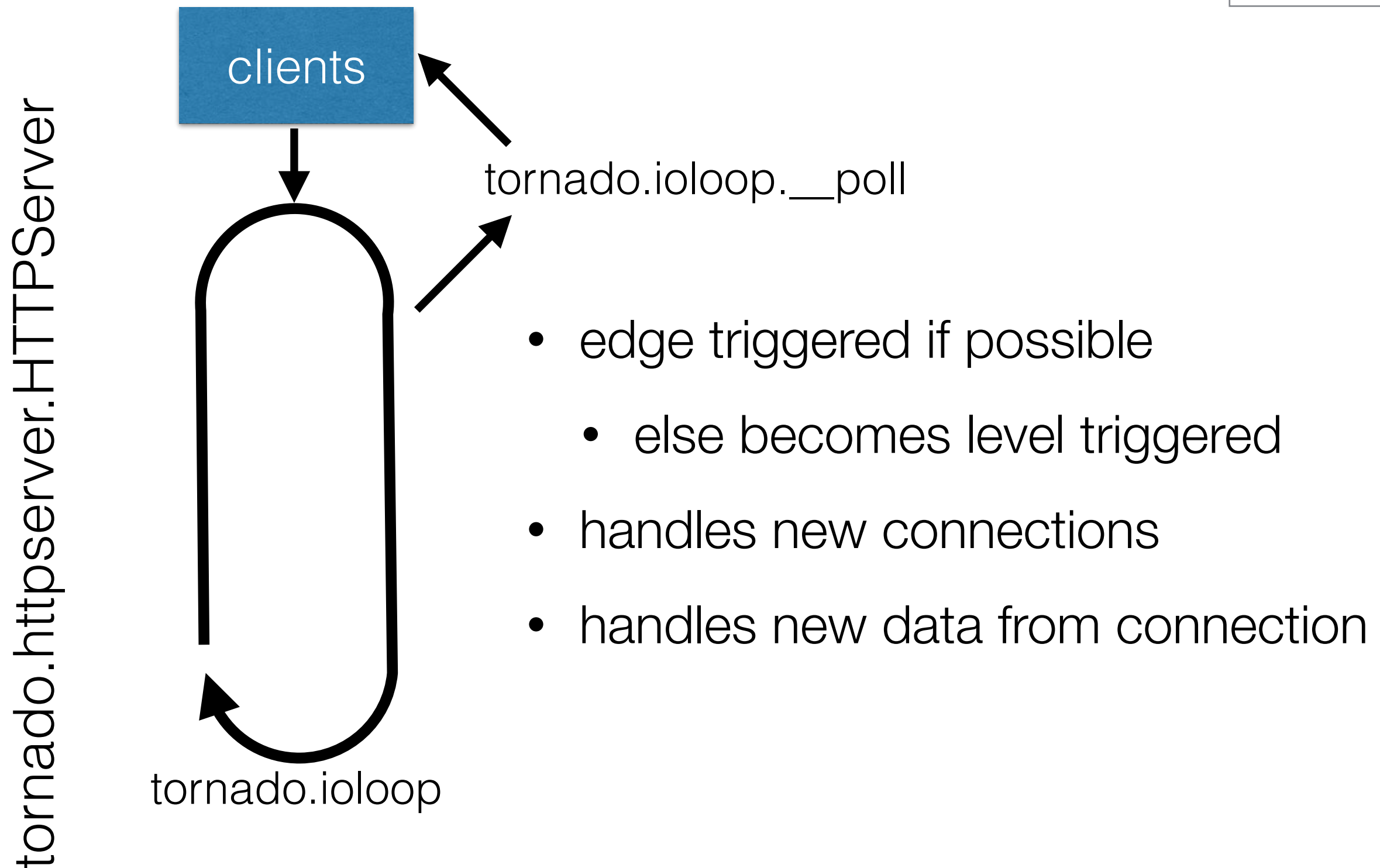
# install tornado

- anaconda
  - conda install tornado
- pip
  - pip install tornado

# tornado

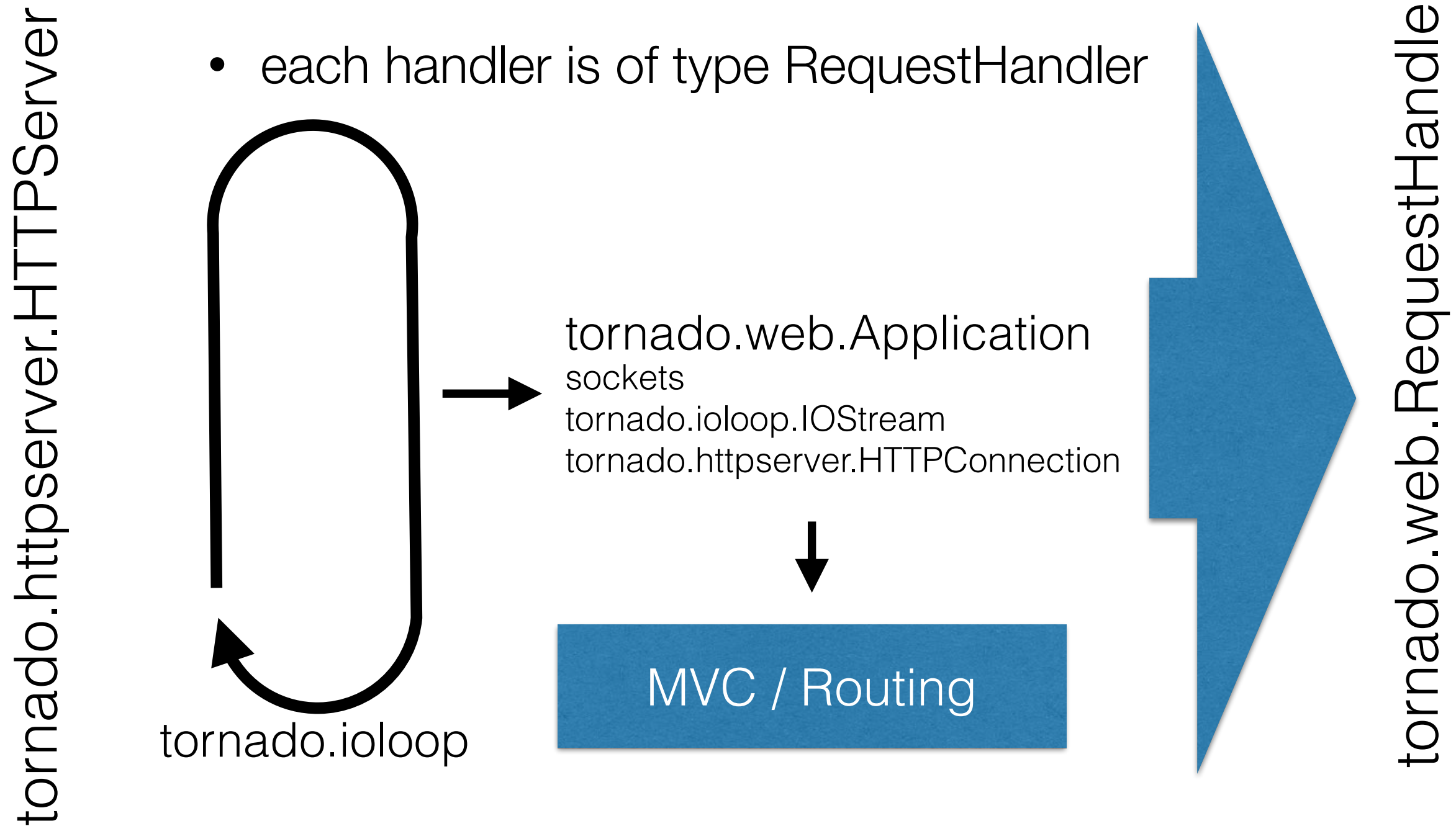


# tornado



# tornado

- route URLs to different handlers
- each handler is of type RequestHandler



# tornado example



- a very simple web server
- what is a get request?
  - a request for data from the server
- URL contains any name

new class, inherit from  
RequestHandler

```
import tornado.ioloop
import tornado.web
```

```
class MainHandler(tornado.web.RequestHandler):
    def get(self):
        self.write("Hello, MSLC World")
```

override get  
request handling

```
application = tornado.web.Application([
    (r"/", MainHandler),
])
```

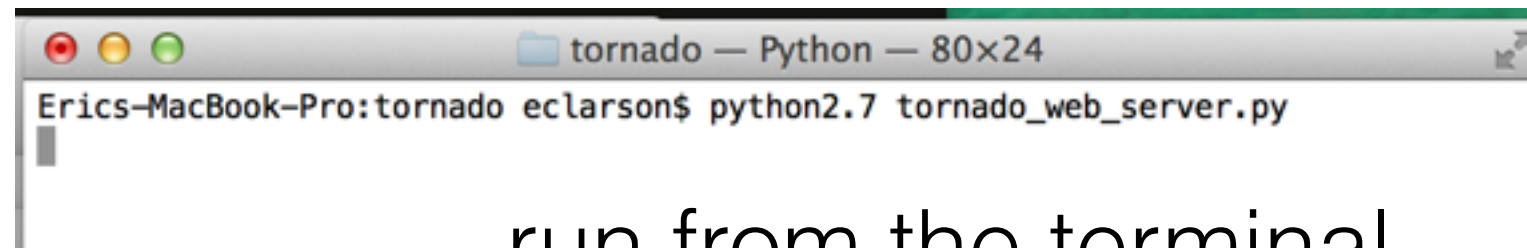
tuple with URL and handler

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    application.listen(8888)
    tornado.ioloop.IOLoop.instance().start()
```

listen on 8888

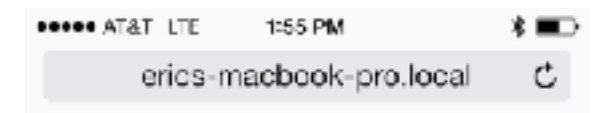
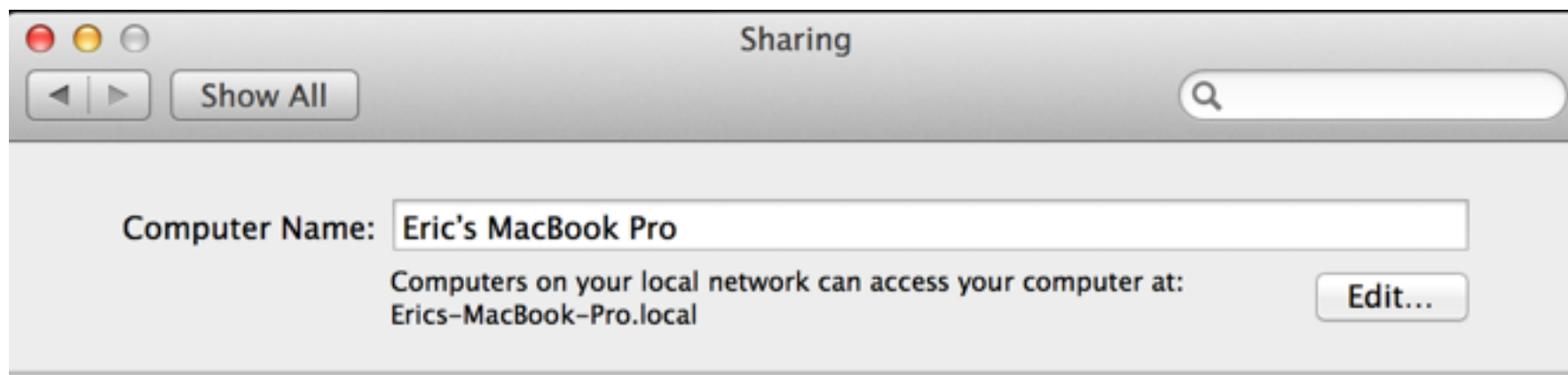
start the IO loop

# tornado example

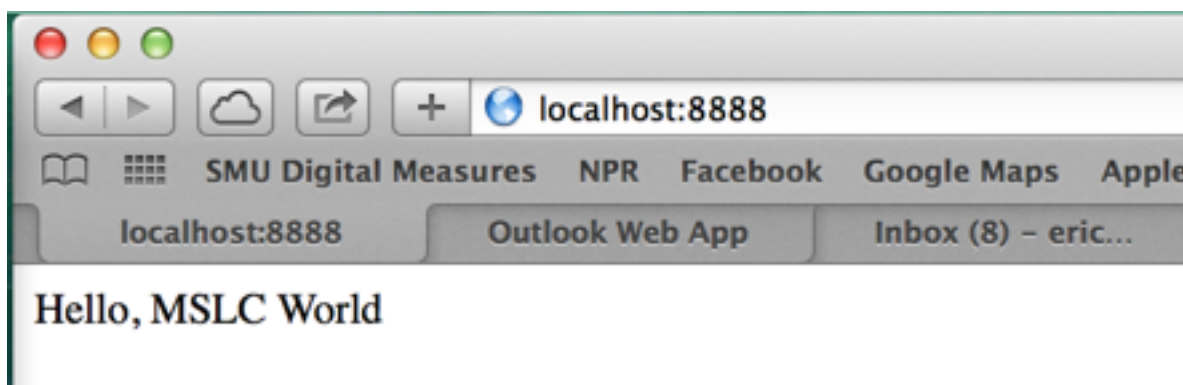
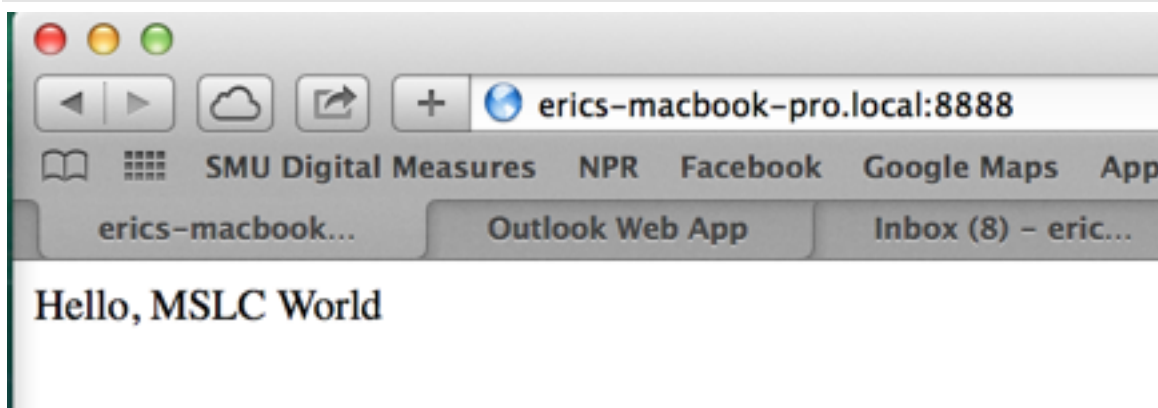


```
tornado — Python — 80x24
Eric's-MacBook-Pro:tornado eclarson$ python2.7 tornado_web_server.py
```

run from the terminal



Hello, MSLC World





# tornado



- get requests with arguments

```
class GetExampleHandler(tornado.web.RequestHandler):  
    def get(self):  
        arg = self.get_argument("arg", None, True) # get arg  
        if arg is None:  
            self.write("No 'arg' in query")  
        else:  
            self.write(str(arg)) # spit back out the argument
```

- how many connections?
  - one front end of Tornado~3,000 concurrent
  - with nginx and four instances of tornado
    - anywhere from 9,000-17,000
  - caveat: as long as you do not block the thread!



# blocking example



```
import tornado.ioloop
import tornado.web
import tornado.httpclient

flickrSearch = 'https://www.flickr.com/services/rest/?
method=flickr.photos.getRecent&api_key=9787477e45fec5e4f16ab9cbb60c3447'

class SearchHandler(tornado.web.RequestHandler):
    def get(self):
        self.write("Searching on Flickr!")

        http_client = tornado.httpclient.HTTPClient()
        response = http_client.fetch(flickrSearch)

        self.write(" and we got a response! \n\n")
        self.write(response.body.replace("<", " "))
```

[http://www.slideshare.net/moret1979/nginx-tornado-17k-reqs?  
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# non-blocking example



```
import tornado.ioloop
import tornado.web
import tornado.httpclient
```

```
flickrSearch = 'https://www.flickr.com/services/rest/?
method=flickr.photos.getRecent&api_key=MYSECRETKEY'
```

```
class SearchHandler(tornado.web.RequestHandler):
```

```
    @tornado.web.asynchronous
```

```
    def get(self):
```

```
        self.write("Searching on Flickr!")
```

```
    http_client = tornado.httpclient.AsyncHTTPClient()
```

```
    response = http_client.fetch(flickrSearch, callback=self.handle_response)
```

```
    def handle_response(self, response):
```

```
        self.write(" and we got a response! \n\n")
```

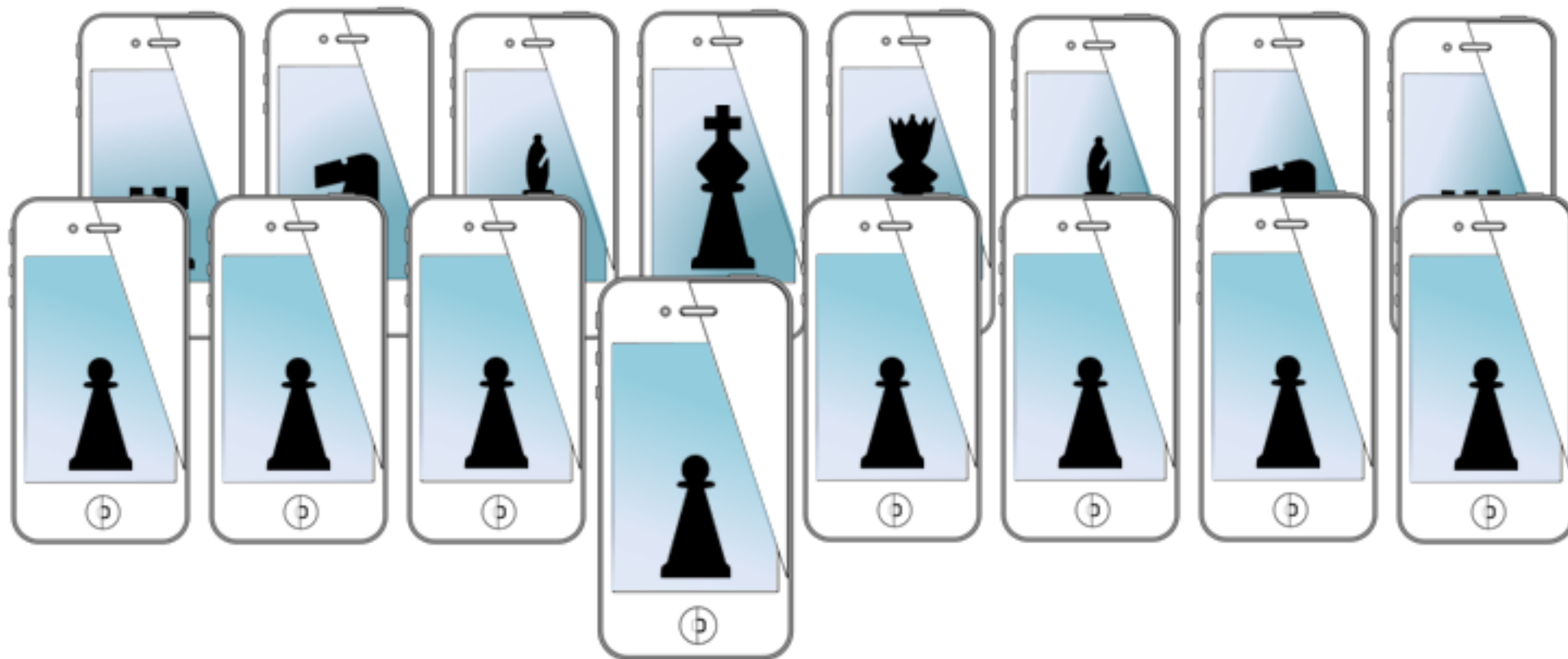
```
        self.write(response.body.replace("<", " "))
```

```
        self.finish()
```

decorator:  
do not call finish!

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