

Decomposition

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Today's Goal

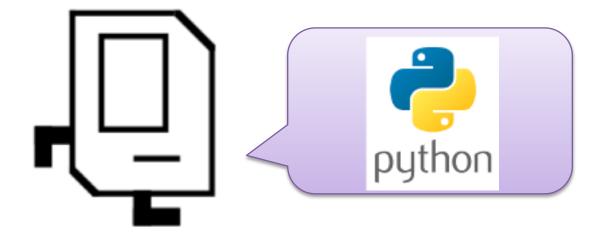
1. Be able to approach a problem "top down" by using decomposition (aka stepwise refinement)



First, a cool program

Quick review

Karel the Robot





Functions

```
def main():
    go_to_moon()

def go_to_moon():
    build_spaceship()
    # a few more steps

def build_spaceship():
    # todo
    put_beeper()
```



For Loops

```
def main():
    # repeats the body 99 times
    for i in range(99):
        # the "body"
        put_beeper()
```



While Loops

```
def main():
    # while condition holds runs body
    # checks condition after body completes
    while front_is_clear():
        move()
```



If Statement

```
def main():
    # If the condition holds, runs body
    if front_is_clear():
        move()
```



If / Else Statement

```
def main():
    # If the condition holds,
    if beepers_present():
        # do this
        pick_beeper()
    else :
        # otherwise, do this
        put_beeper()
```



The Full Karel

```
Base Karel commnds:
                                                Conditions:
move()
                                                 if condition:
turn_left()
                                                     code run if condition passes
put_beeper()
pick_beeper()
                                                 if condition:
                                                     code block for "yes"
Karel program structures:
                                                 else:
# Comments can be included in any part
                                                     code block for "no"
# of a program. They start with a #
# and include the rest of the line.
                                                Loops:
                                                 for i in range(count):
def main():
                                                     code to repeat
   code to execute
                                                 while condition:
declarations of other functions
                                                     code to repeat
Names of the conditions:
                                                Function Declaration:
front_is_clear()
                       front_is_blocked()
                                                 def name():
beepers_present()
                       no_beepers_present()
                                                     code in the body of the function.
beepers_in_bag()
                       no_beepers_in_bag()
left_is_clear()
                       left_is_blocked()
                                                Extra Karel Commands:
right_is_clear()
                       right_is_blocked()
facing_north()
                       not_facing_north()
                                                 paint_corner(COLOR_NAME)
facing_south()
                       not_facing_south()
                                                 corner_color_is(COLOR_NAME)
facing_east()
                       not_facing_east()
                       not_facing_west()
facing_west()
```



End review

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   # heres our plan
   decomposition()
   mountain karel()
   rhoomba karel()
   if extra time():
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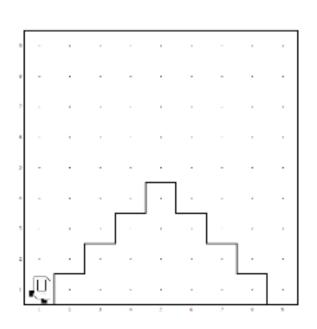
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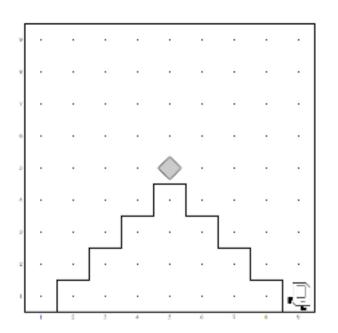


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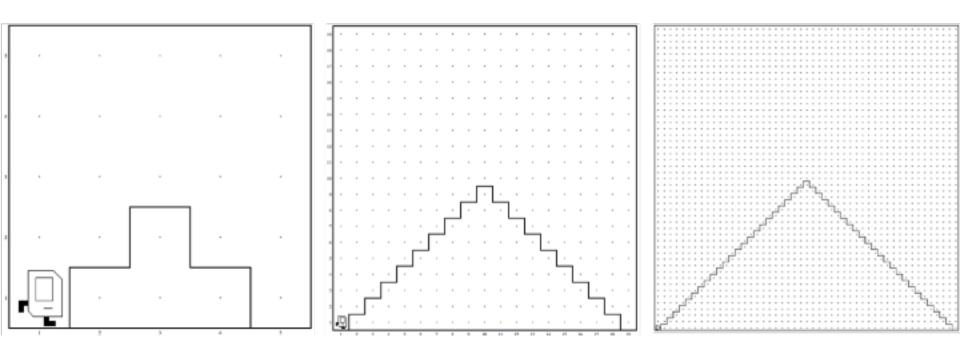




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Pro Tips



A good function should do "one conceptual thing"



Know what it does by looking at its name



Less than 10 lines, 3 levels of indentation



Reusable and easy to modify



Well commented

There are two types of programs.

One is so complex, there is nothing obvious wrong with it.

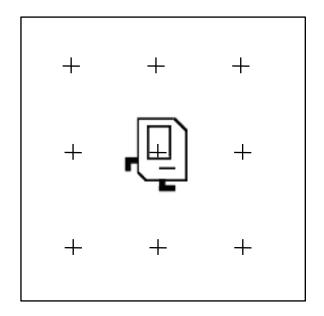
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Aside: Common Errors



```
def turn_to_wall():
    while left_is_clear():
        turn_left()
```





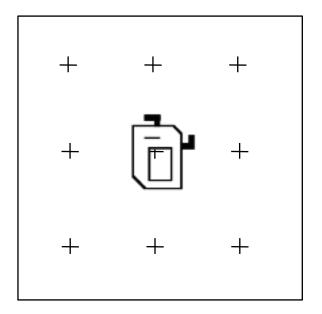
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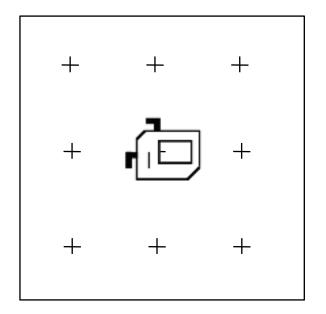
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Pre/Post that Don't Match

```
def jump_hurdles:
    for i range(8):
        if front_is_clear():
            move()
        else:
            jump_hurdle()

Does the "post condition" match?
```

What do you assume here?

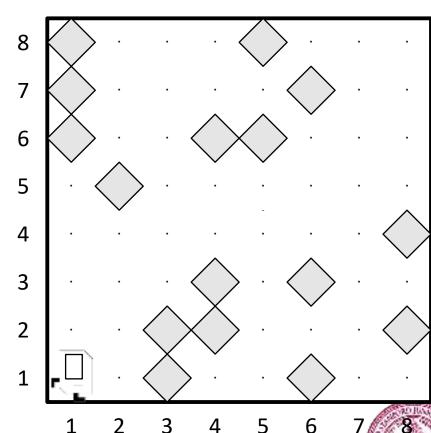


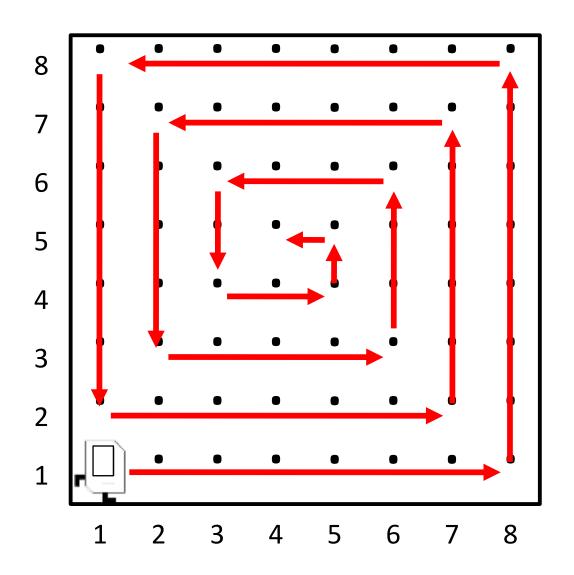
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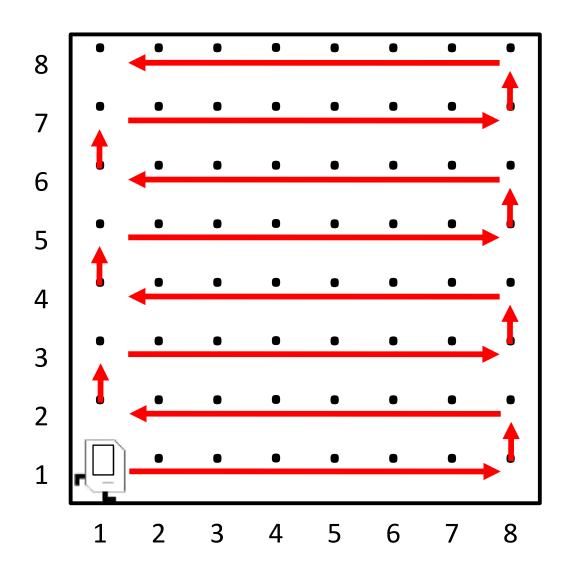
- Write a Roomba Karel that sweeps the entire world of all beepers.
 - Karel starts at (1,1) facing East.
 - The world is rectangular, and some squares contain beepers.
 - There are no interior walls.
 - When the program is done, the world should contain 0 beepers.
 - Karel's ending location does not matter.
- How should we approach this tricky problem?





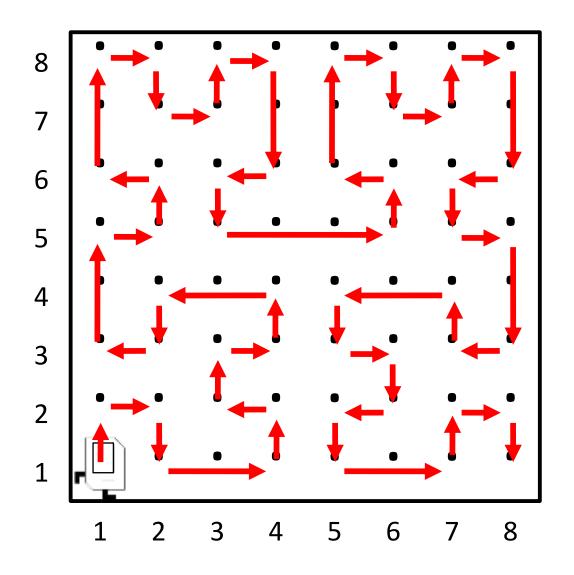


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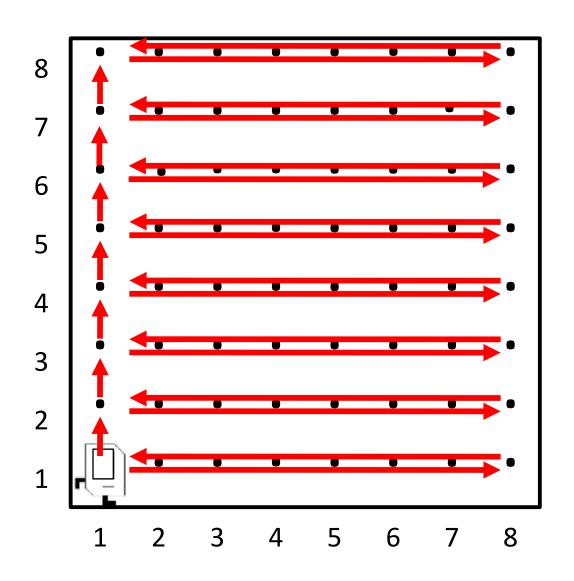


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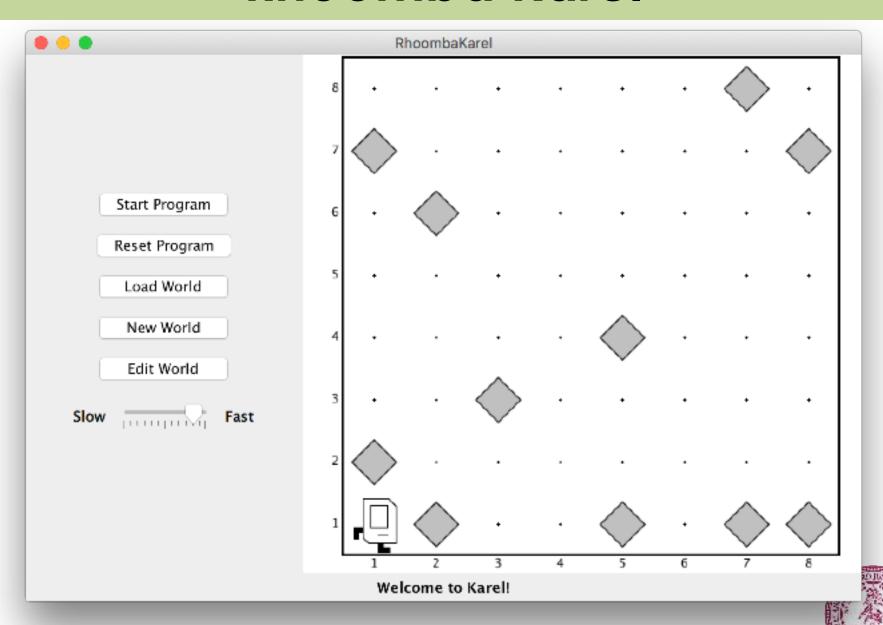
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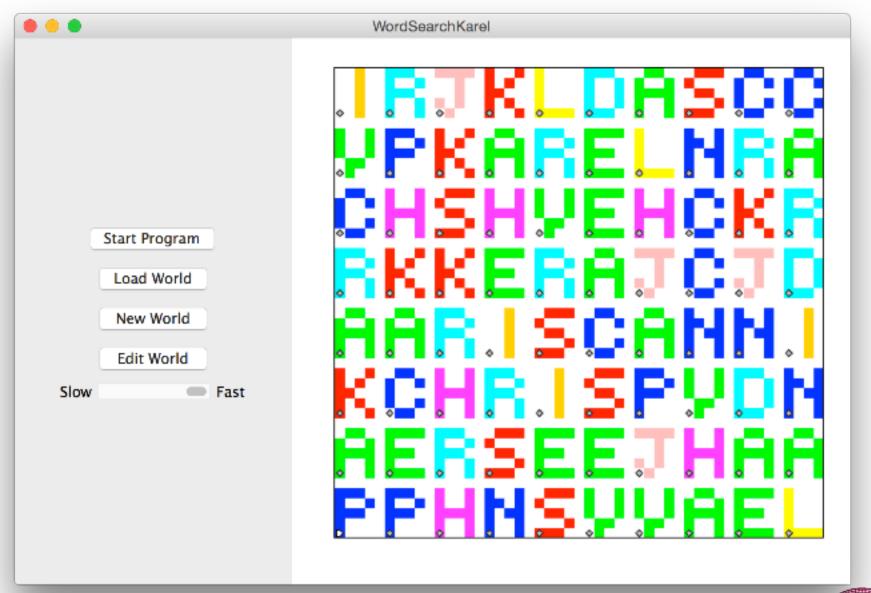
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