

Announcements

- ▶ Homework
 - ▶ Homework 1 all graded! Check GitHub!
 - ▶ Homework 2 due on Friday night
 - ▶ After today should have everything you need to complete the assignment
- ▶ Polling: `rembold-class.ddns.net`

Homework Comments

- ▶ All HW1 has been graded. Comments and scores uploaded to GitHub.
- ▶ Most common issues:
 - ▶ Not following instructions about what to print (usually not that big of a deal when I check myself, but can mask other errors)
 - ▶ Having “holes” in blocks of conditional statements.
 - ▶ Comments are optional. . . until they cost you points.
 - ▶ Just change the “Assignment status:” line in the README file please! Not the entire filename!
- ▶ That said, most people did quite well

Review Question

Suppose you have the string: `x = "consternation"` and you'd like to just extract and print the word `"nation"`. Which expression below will **not** give you the string `"nation"`?

- A) `x[7:len(x)]`
- B) `x[7:]`
- C) `x[-6:len(x)]`
- D) `x[-6:-1]`

Solution: `x[-6:-1]`

Can't change a string's colors

- ▶ Strings are what we call **immutable**: they can not be modified in place
- ▶ You can “look” at different parts of the string, but you can not “change” those parts
 - ▶ Phrased differently, you can't reassign the various pieces of a string

```
s = "Cats!"
```

```
s[0] = "R"           # This will error!!
```

- ▶ You can of course still reassign `s` to some new string object

```
s = "R" + s[1:]
```

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 - ▶ **Arcade**

Setup Costs

- ▶ Arcade is not part of the Python “standard library”
 - ▶ Also doesn’t come packaged by default with Anaconda
 - ▶ You will need to install it separately, which we will cover in lab today
- ▶ Will need to **import** it at the top of your file to use its special commands
 - ▶ Importing is how you gain the powers of “outside” libraries in Python
 - ▶ We’ll discuss in more detail in Ch 4 in terms of how to import your own files and break up your code.
 - ▶ After import, will always have that library’s name at the start of every command from that library:

```
import fish
```

```
fish.make_a_fish()
```

```
fish.make_fish_swim()
```

The Basics

- ▶ At its simplest, arcade does the following:

- ▶ Open a window:

```
arcade.open_window(<width>, <height>, <name>)
```

- ▶ Draw things to the window:

```
arcade.draw_circle_filled(0,0,10, arcade.color.RED)
```

- ▶ Keep the window open so we can see it:

```
arcade.run()
```

What to draw?

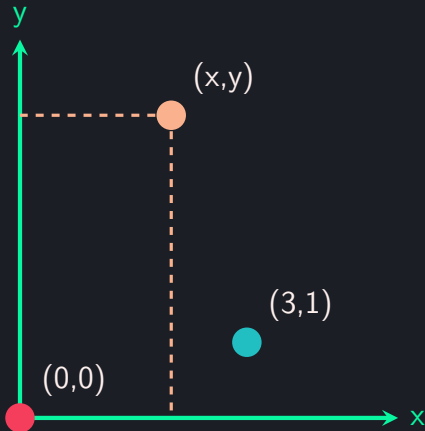
- ▶ You have a wide variety of primitive objects you can draw
 - ▶ Circles
 - ▶ Rectangles
 - ▶ Lines
 - ▶ Arcs
 - ▶ Polygons
- ▶ Most have filled/outline options available

```
arcade.draw_circle_filled()  
arcade.draw_circle_outline()
```

- ▶ All start with `arcade.draw_<what to draw>`

Where to draw?

- ▶ Uses a standard x-y coordinate system like in math
- ▶ Only uses the first quadrant, so everything positive
- ▶ $(0,0)$ is in the lower left corner
 - ▶ This is different from many computer graphics programs, which put $(0,0)$ in the upper left corner.



How to draw?

- ▶ All drawing commands you make must be between two extra commands:

```
arcade.start_render()
```

```
<draw all your stuff here!>
```

```
arcade.finish_render()
```

- ▶ If you want to change the default background of your window, it goes before the `arcade.start_render()`:

```
arcade.set_background_color()
```

I demand rainbows

You can pick colors in a variety of ways:

- ▶ Using arcade's **built in colors** (there are 1000. Go wild!)

```
arcade.color.ANTIQUE_FUCHSIA
```

- ▶ Using arcade's **css colors** (only 147 here!)

```
arcade.csscolor.SILVER
```

- ▶ Using RGB codes (16.7 million possibilities here...)

- ▶ 0 is the min, 255 the max
- ▶ Come as a set of 3 (or 4) with comma's separating them
- ▶ Fourth option will give transparency

```
red = (255,0,0)  
trans_dark_green = (0,100,0,100)
```