Intro to Coding with Python– Interaction

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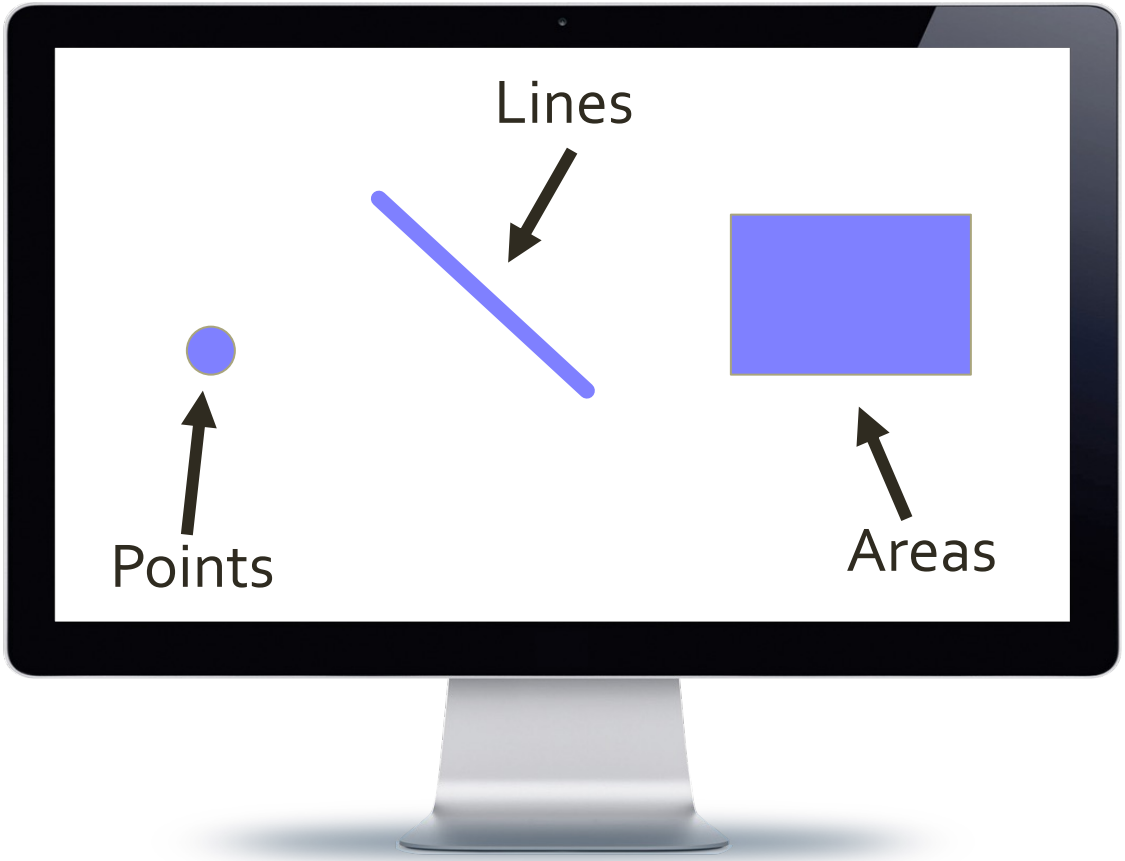
Plan for Today

- Interaction basics
  - mouse
  - keyboard

- ✓ Draw stuff

"graphical primitives"



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using the **`graphics`** module

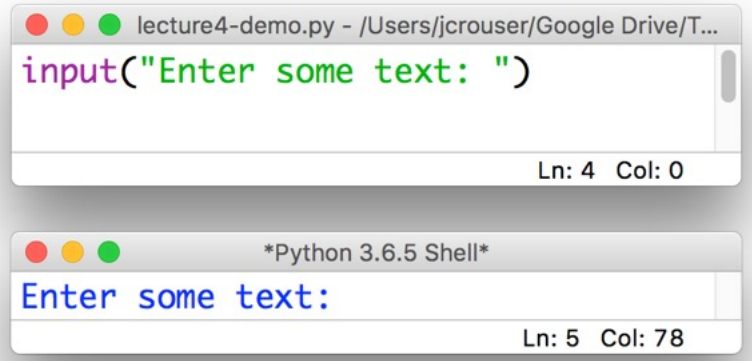
- ✓ Make it move

3. Get input from the user and react

Lecture 4: first experience with user input

The `.input()` function

- Python has a built-in `.input()` function that allows us to ask the user to type in information
- The `.input()` function takes in a value, which will be printed to the console as a prompt:



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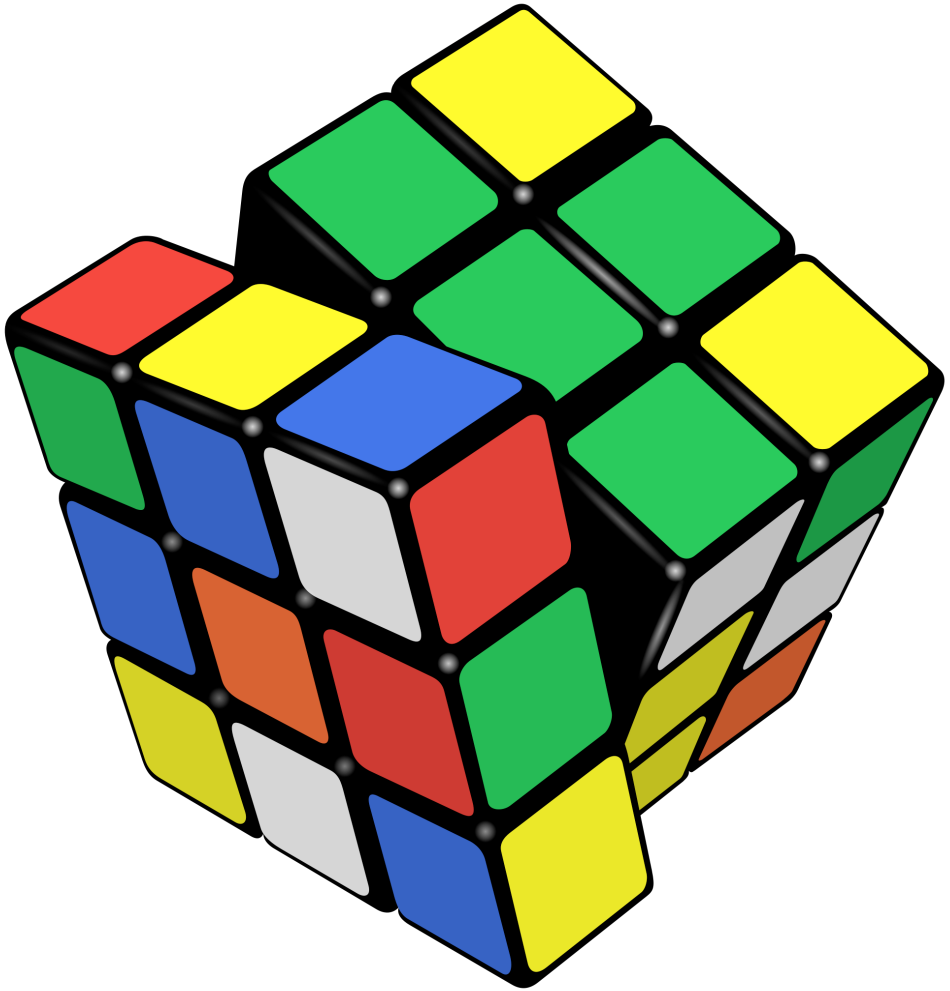
- High level: between **human and problem space**
  - a cognitive act *enabled* by the interface
  - happens between the human and the digital objects

Example: Rubik's Cube

What **low-level** interactions can you have?

What **high-level** interactions can you have?



Low-level vs. high-level interactions

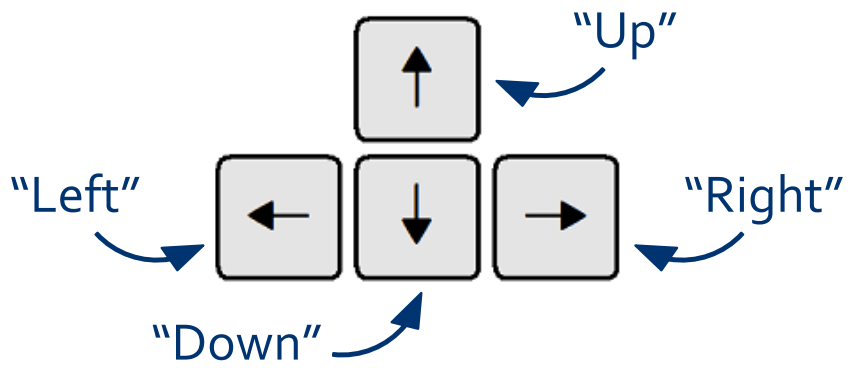
Interaction with `graphics` objects

- The **`GraphWin`** object has methods to detect interactions
- Mouse:
  - **`.getMouse()`** : stop the program and wait for user to **click**
  - **`.checkMouse()`** : continuously check if the user has **clicked**
  - both return a **`Point`** object
- Keyboard:
  - **`.getKey()`** : stop the program and wait for user to **type**
  - **`.checkKey()`** : continuously check if the user has **typed**
  - both return a **`string`**

Our first interactive **`graphics`** program

Notes about keyboard interaction

- The strings returned by the **`.getKey()`** / **`.checkKey()`** methods ae called **keycodes**
- Some keys don't have an obvious letter attached to them, but their keycodes are still pretty intuitive, e.g.



- See also: **"space", "Escape", "minus", "underscore", "equal", "plus", "BackSpace", "Return", etc.**

Back to the Fish Tank

- Start with your fish from the last two classes
- Do the following…

Challenge 1: press ‘q’ to quit

Challenge 2: fish position

Challenge 3: fish frenzy

Activity: Fish Tank

- Challenge 1: Quit when the user presses “q”
- Challenge 2: Add a fish wherever the user clicks
- Challenge 3: If the user presses the space bar, have all the fish swim to the nearest edge of the screen