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Introduction to Game Programming using Python

Part 2: Hangman

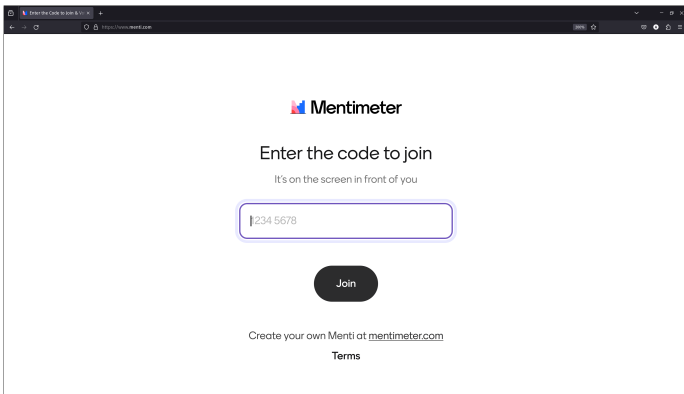
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Hangman

Let's start off with a simple game of Hangman.

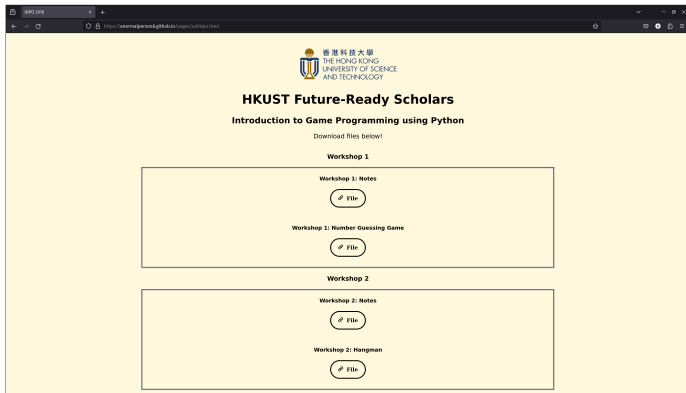
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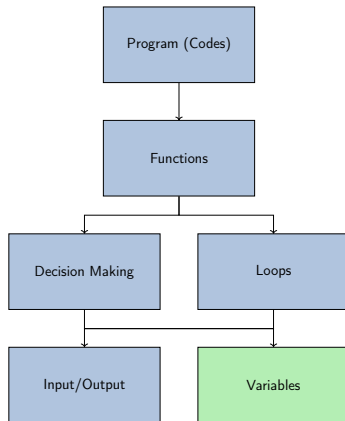
```
print("Mum I am in HKUST typing code in a code block")
```

You can run a code cell with the button on the left.



```
print("Hello World!") # Prints "Hello World!"
```

Contents



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Lists

```
names = ["Chris Wong", "Desmond Tsoi",  
         "Phoebe Mok", "Nancy Ip"]  
print(names[0]) # Chris Wong
```

Lists are declared by surrounding the items with [], and separating each item with a comma.

We can get the name from a list by getting the corresponding item. How? With list[index].

The first item in the list is the 0th item, second is 1st item, etc...

We call this zero-indexing.

Note: Some programming languages use one-indexing instead.

If you approach another programming language, be careful.

Lists

```
names = ["Chris Wong", "Desmond Tsoi",  
         "Phoebe Mok", "Nancy Ip"]  
print(names[0], names[1], names[2], names[3])  
# Output:
```

```
names = ["Chris Wong", "Desmond Tsoi",  
         "Phoebe Mok", "Nancy Ip"]  
print(names[0], names[1], names[2], names[3])  
# Output: Chris Wong Desmond Tsoi Phoebe Mok Nancy Ip
```

Another example:

```
# Indices: 0  1  2  3  4  5
numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
print(numbers[0], numbers[1], numbers[2],
      numbers[3], numbers[4], numbers[5])
# Output: 0 1 1 2 3 5

print(numbers)
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
```

Printing the whole list

To print the whole list, simply put it in the `print()` function.

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```
numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]  
print(len(numbers)) # 6
```

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```
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print(numbers) # [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
numbers[1] = 100 # Edit the second element (index 1)
print(numbers)
# Output:
```

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# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.append(100) # Add 100 to the end of the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
```

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numbers.append(100) # Add 100 to the end of the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 100] length: 7
```

Lists

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print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.insert(2, 100) # Add 100 to index 2 of the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
```

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numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.insert(2, 100) # Add 100 to index 2 of the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 100, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 7
numbers.insert(7, 200)
```

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print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
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numbers.insert(2, 100) # Add 100 to index 2 of the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 100, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 7
numbers.insert(7, 200) # Same as numbers.append(200)
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
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numbers.insert(7, 200) # Same as numbers.append(200)
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 100, 1, 2, 3, 5, 200] length: 8
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numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.remove(1) # Remove the first occurrence of number 1
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
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numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.remove(1) # Remove the first occurrence of number 1
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 5
```

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```
numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5] length: 6
numbers.reverse() # Reverse the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
```

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numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
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numbers.reverse() # Reverse the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [5, 3, 2, 1, 1, 0] length: 6
print(numbers[0])
# Output:
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# Output: [5, 3, 2, 1, 1, 0] length: 6
print(numbers[0])
# Output: 5
```

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# Output:
```

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```
numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
```

```
print(numbers.count(1))
```

```
# Output: 2
```

```
print(numbers.count(100))
```

```
# Output:
```

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```

```
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```
# Output: 2
```

```
print(numbers.count(100))
```

```
# Output: 0
```

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```
numbers = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5]
if 0 in numbers:
    print("0 is in numbers.") # This line is run
else:
    print("0 is not in numbers.")
if 8 in numbers:
    print("8 is in numbers.")
else:
    print("8 is not in numbers.") # This line is run
```

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```

Output:

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```
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```

```
print(numbers.index(1))
```

```
# Output: 1
```

```
print(numbers.index(5))
```

```
# Output:
```

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```

```
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```

```
# Output: 1
```

```
print(numbers.index(5))
```

```
# Output: 5
```

```
print(numbers.index(100))
```

```
# Output:
```

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```

```
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```

```
# Output: 1
```

```
print(numbers.index(5))
```

```
# Output: 5
```

```
print(numbers.index(100))
```

```
# Output: No output, error, 100 is not in the list
```

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```
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```

```
    print("The index of 5 in the list is", numbers.index(5))
```

```
# Output:
```


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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
# Output: The index of 5 in the list is 5
```

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```
numbers = [6, 5, 1, 2, 3]
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [6, 5, 1, 2, 3] length: 5
print(numbers[0])
# Output: 6
numbers.sort() # Sort the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output:
```

Lists

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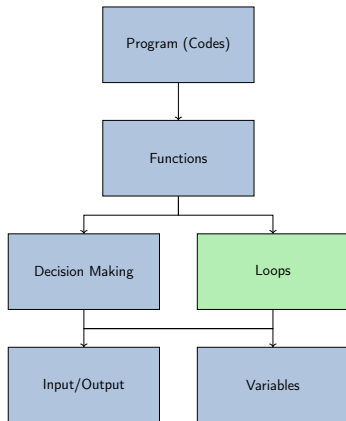
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print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [6, 5, 1, 2, 3] length: 5
print(numbers[0])
# Output: 6
numbers.sort() # Sort the list
print(numbers, "length:", len(numbers))
# Output: [1, 2, 3, 5, 6] length: 5
print(numbers[0])
# Output:
```

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# Output: 1
```

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```
print("Count:", 10)
print("Count:", 9)
print("Count:", 8)
print("Count:", 7)
print("Count:", 6)
print("Count:", 5)
print("Count:", 4)
print("Count:", 3)
print("Count:", 2)
print("Count:", 1)
print("Done.")
```


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print("Count:", 9)
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print("Count:", 7)
print("Count:", 6)
print("Count:", 5)
print("Count:", 4)
print("Count:", 3)
print("Count:", 2)
print("Count:", 1)
print("Done.")
```

Let's turn this into a loop.

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10 # Initialising i as 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Let's run through it together.

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0: # i is 10, which is larger than 0
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1
```

```
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i) # Count: 10
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0:
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1 # i goes from 10 to 9, then we go back up
```

```
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0: # i is 9, which is larger than 0
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i) # Count: 9
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0:
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1 # i goes from 9 to 8, then we go back up
```

```
print("Done.")
```


Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0: # i is 8, which is larger than 0
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i) # Count: 8
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0:
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1 # i goes from 8 to 7, then we go back up
```

```
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0: # i is 7, which is larger than 0
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1
```

```
print("Done.")
```

This goes on and on...

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0: # i is 1, which is larger than 0
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i) # Count: 1
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0:
```

```
    print("Count:", i)
```

```
    i = i - 1 # i goes from 1 to 0, then we go back up
```

```
print("Done.")
```

Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
```

```
while i > 0: # i is 0, which is NOT larger than 0, so we exit
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.")
```


Loops - while

Example:

```
i = 10
while i > 0:
    print("Count:", i)
    i = i - 1
print("Done.") # "Done." is printed
```

Loops - while

We can also apply boolean values to while loops.

```
equal_to_5 = False
count = 0
while not equal_to_5:
    if count == 5:
        equal_to_5 = True
    count = count + 1
print("Done.") # "Done." is printed
```

Loops - for

Example:

```
for i in range(10):  
    print("Count:", i)  
print("Done.")
```

Python range

Python range is a thing of mystery. When you do `range(n)`, where `n` is an integer, Python generates a *range* of integers from 0 to `n - 1`.

Loops - for

Not getting the loop?

```
for i in range(10):  
    print("Count:", i)  
print("Done.")
```

is equivalent to

```
i = 0  
while i < 10:  
    print("Count:", i)  
    i = i + 1  
print("Done.")
```

Both loops go from 0 to 10, and give identical output.

Loops - for

Another example:

```
for i in range(5):  
    print(i*i, end=" ") # Print the square, end with a space  
print() # Add new line at the end  
# Output:
```

Loops - for

Another example:

```
for i in range(5):  
    print(i*i, end=" ") # Print the square, end with a space  
print() # Add new line at the end  
# Output: 0 1 4 9 16
```

Loops - for

Let's combine lists with a for loop.

```
num = [1, 5, 9, 12, 4, 800]
```

```
for i in range(len(num)):
```

```
    print(num[i], end=" ") # Print num[i], end with a space
```

```
print() # Add new line at the end
```

```
# Output:
```

Loops - for

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```

```
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```

```
    print(num[i], end=" ") # Print num[i], end with a space
```

```
print() # Add new line at the end
```

```
# Output: 1 5 9 12 4 800
```


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```

```
for i in range(len(num)):
```

```
    print(num[i], end=" ") # Print num[i], end with a space
```

```
print() # Add new line at the end
```

```
# Output: 1 5 9 12 4 800
```

This is how we go through a list.

Loops - for

Instead of using the index, there is another way to go through a list:

```
num = [1, 5, 9, 12, 4, 800]
for i in num:
    print(i, end=" ")
print() # Add new line at the end
# Output:
```

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    print(i, end=" ")
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```

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```
num = [1, 5, 9, 12, 4, 800]
for i in num:
    print(i, end=" ")
print() # Add new line at the end
# Output: 1 5 9 12 4 800
```

The output is identical to the previous example.

Loops - for

It also works for lists of other types.

```
word = ["h", "k", "u", "s", "t"]  
for w in word:  
    print(w, end="")  
print() # Add new line at the end  
# Output:
```

Loops - for

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```
word = ["h", "k", "u", "s", "t"]  
for w in word:  
    print(w, end="")  
print() # Add new line at the end  
# Output: hkust
```

Lists

Lists are represented with `[]` to hold multiple variables, where the i^{th} item is at index $i - 1$.

Lists with functions

If a list is called `l`, one can:

- print the list with `print(l)`.
- get the length of `l` with `len(l)`.
- get/edit the element at index `i` with `l[i]`.

Lists functions

If a list is called `l`, one can:

- append a value `v` to `l` with `l.append(v)`.
- insert a value `v` to `l` at index `i` with `l.insert(i, v)`.
- remove the first occurrence of a value `v` with `l.remove(v)`.
- reverse the list with `l.reverse()`.
- count the occurrence of value `v` with `l.count(v)`.
- use the `in` operator to check if a value `v` is in a list.
e.g.: `if v in l:`
- get the index of the first occurrence of a value `v` with `l.index(v)`.
- sort the list with `l.sort()`.

while loops

```
while condition:  
    # Do code
```

Code in the `while` block are run while the condition is fulfilled.
Do make sure that the `while` loop can be exited.

Summary

for loops and range

```
n = 5 # Example
for i in range(n):
    # Do code with each number from 0 to n - 1
```

range(n) returns a range of integers that starts from 0 and ends at n - 1.

for loops and lists

```
l = [...] # A list with items
for i in l:
    # Do code with each item in the list
```

for loops can be directly applied onto lists.

The End
Thank you!

Additional content

Here are some additional content that we didn't think we would have time to mention in the workshop.

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