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## A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT IN NEUROSCIENCE

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# SUMMARY

1. Introduction
2. Programming languages
3. Programming environments
4. Coding basics
5. The difference between good code and bad code

# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT ME

- Bachelor student at the University of Bonn in computer science
- Focus on network communication and IT-security
- About three years now working for CENs/BonnEconLab

# MOST USED LANGUAGES

- SPSS
- R
- Python
- MatLab
- Presentation
- zTree

# LANGUAGE DETAILS

# SPSS

Short for **S**tatistical **P**ackage for the **S**ocial **S**ciences  
Used for statistical analysis and data mining

```
* create a new data file that just has "x1" in it from 1 to 20 by 1.
input program.
    loop #i = 1 to 30 by 1.
        compute x1 = #i.
    end case.
end loop.
end file.
end input program.
execute.

* fill in logistic equation below .
* say equation is  $-3 + .3 \cdot x_1 + .1 \cdot x_2$ .
* and x2 has a mean of 5.
compute ylog =  $-3 + .3 \cdot x_1 + 5 \cdot .1$  .
compute py =  $1 - 1 / (1 + \exp(ylog))$  .
execute.

* show graph with prob y on y axis, and x1 on x axis.
```

# R

## Programming Language for statistic computing Comparable to MATLAB and SPSS but free software

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```
install.packages('neuralnet')
library("neuralnet")

#Going to create a neural network to perform square rooting
#Type ?neuralnet for more information on the neuralnet library

#Generate 50 random numbers uniformly distributed between 0 and 100
#And store them as a dataframe
traininginput <- as.data.frame(runif(50, min=0, max=100))
trainingoutput <- sqrt(traininginput)

#Column bind the data into one variable
trainingdata <- cbind(traininginput,trainingoutput)
colnames(trainingdata) <- c("Input","Output")

#Train the neural network
#Going to have 10 hidden layers
#Threshold is a numeric value specifying the threshold for the partial
```

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# PYTHON

General purpose programming language

Used for almost anything from creating experiments to data evaluation

```
my_list = ['banana', 'strawberry', 'apple', 'melon', 'peach'] #a simple list
sorted_list = sorted(my_list) #python includes powerful sorting algorithm
for x in range(1,11,1): #a for loop which counts to ten
    print(x)
print() #prints an empty line
for y in range(10,0,-1): #the step size can be negative to count backward
    print(y)
print()
for z in range(len(sorted_list)): #you can also iterate over lists
    print(sorted_list[z]) #prints the list
```

# MATLAB

## Software to analyze (fMRI) data

```
% the following code models a passive neuronal membrane
% as RC-circuit.
% Note: in a membrane model, the resistor and capacitor are
% in parallel.

% this code demonstrates how a membrane responds to a constant
% current input that is turned on for a fixed time interval
% and then turned off.

% Charging and discharging curves for passive membrane patch
% R Rao 2007

clear
% input current
I = 10 % nA

% capacitance and leak resistance
```

# ZTREE

Windows software to conduct economic experiments  
Mostly used in the BonnEconLab

```
//Auswertung Manie
if (d4 == 1){
if (d1b == 1 | d2b == 1) {
if (d3a + d3b + d3c + d3d + d3e + d3f + d3g >= 3) {
hypomanische_episode_aktuell = 1;
LeaveStage = 1 ;
}}

if (d4 == 1){
if (d1b == 0 & d2b ==0 ){
if (d3a + d3b + d3c + d3d + d3e + d3f + d3g >= 4){
hypomanische_episode_frueher = 1;
LeaveStage = 1 ;
}}
}
/*
TODO: Manische Episoden
*/
```

# PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENTS

Most Software comes with its own Programming  
environment called IDE

IDE stands for **I**ntegrated **D**evelopment **E**nvironment

# SPSS

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Ausgabe
Protokoll

```

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DATASET ACTIVATE DataSet2.
DATASET CLOSE DataSet1.

```

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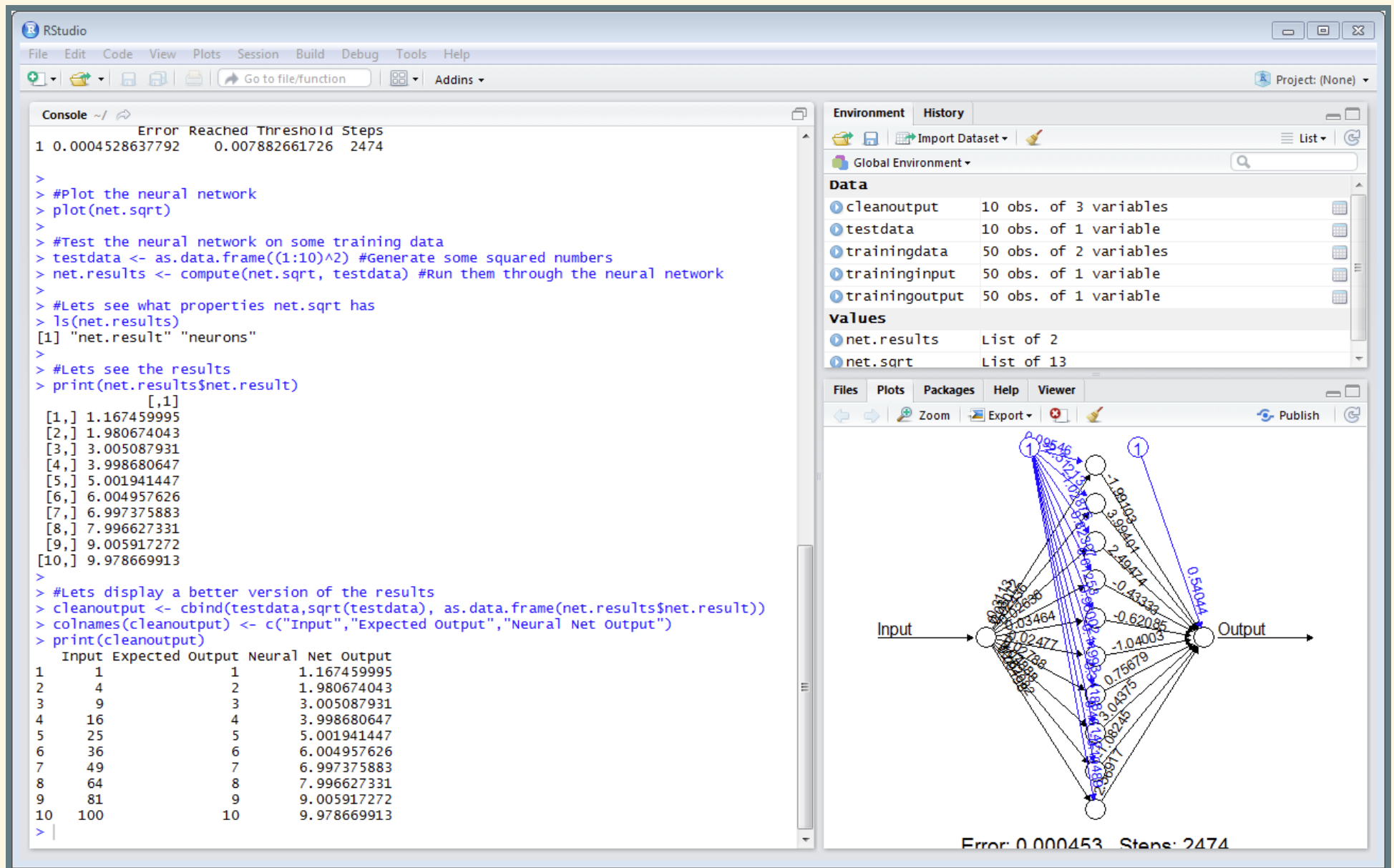
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4	corr	11365	2	1	1	1	2	2	
5	corr	11390	1	1	1	1	1	2	
6	corr	11370	1	2	1	2	1	1	
7	corr	11363	1	1	2	2	1	2	
8	corr	11085	2	2	1	2	1	2	
9	corr	11335	1	2	1	1	1	2	
10	corr	11401	1	1	1	2	1	1	
11	corr	6194	1	1	1	2	1	1	
12	corr	10628	1	1	2	2	1	2	
13	SOA	6515	1	1	2	2	1	2	
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17	SOA	11429	1	1	1	2	1	1	
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24	corr	10135	1	1	1	2	1	1	
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31	SOA	11438	2	2	2	2	1	2	
32	SOA	11439	1	1	1	2	1	1	
33	corr	10652	1	1	1	2	1	2	
34	corr	11440	1	1	2	1	1	1	
35	SOA	11446	1	1	2	1	1	1	
36	SOA	10469	2	1	1	1	1	2	
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# R



# PYTHON

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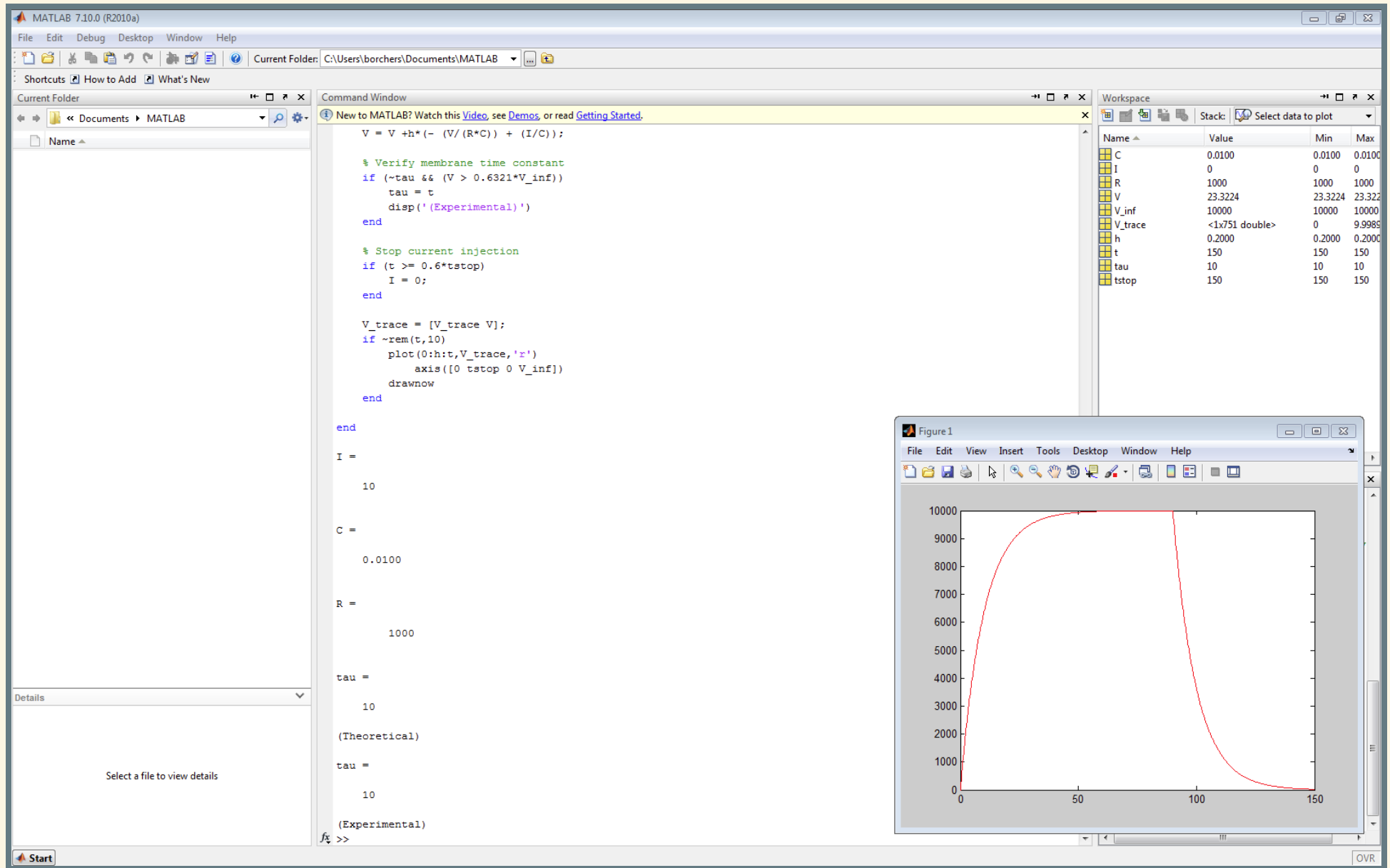
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```
1 list = [100, 100, 90, 40, 80, 100, 85, 70, 90, 65, 90, 85, 50.5]
2
3 def print_list(list):
4     for grade in list:
5         print(grade)
6
7 def list_sum(list):
8     total = 0
9     for grade in list:
10         total += grade
11     return total
12
13 def list_average(list):
14     sum_of_list = list_sum(list)
15     average = sum_of_list / float(len(list))
16     return average
17
18 def list_variance(scores):
19     average = list_average(scores)
20     variance = 0
21     for score in scores:
22         variance = variance + ((average - score)**2)
23     variance = variance / len(scores)
24     return variance
25
26 def list_std_deviation(variance):
27     return variance ** 0.5
28
29 variance = list_variance(list)
30 print_list(list)
31 print(list_sum(list))
32 print(list_average(list))
33 print(list_variance(list))
34 print(list_std_deviation(variance))
```

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# MATLAB



# ZTREE

```
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IQ_CFT_INSTRUCTION_1_3 := (120)N
subjects.do { ... }
    Participate = if ( participate_iq_cft == 1 & go_on == 1, 1, 0 );
subjects.do { ... }
    if ( participate_iq_cft == 1 & go_on == 1 ) {

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[1] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[1]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[1] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[1]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[1] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[1]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[1] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[1]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[2] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[2]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[2] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[2]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[2] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[2]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[2] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[2]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[3] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[3]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[3] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[3]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[3] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[3]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[3] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[3]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[4] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[4]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[4] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[4]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[4] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[4]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[4] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[4]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[5] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[5]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[5] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[5]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[5] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[5]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[5] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[5]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[6] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[6]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[6] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[6]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[6] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[6]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[6] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[6]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[7] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[7]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[7] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[7]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[7] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[7]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[7] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[7]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[8] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[8]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[8] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[8]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[8] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[8]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[8] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[8]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[9] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[9]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[9] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[9]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[9] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[9]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[9] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[9]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[10] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[10]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[10] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[10]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[10] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[10]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[10] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[10]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}

        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[11] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[11]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[11] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[11]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
        if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_1[11] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_2[11]) {if (iq_cft_answers_1_2_2[11] == correct_iq_cft_answers_2_1[11]) {iq_cft_score_1_2 = iq_cft_score_1_2+1;}}
    }
```

# SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT BASICS

From here on all code will be Python code

# PYTHON HAS A CORE PHILOSOPHY

1. Beautiful is better than ugly
2. Explicit is better than implicit
3. Simple is better than complex
4. Complex is better than complicated
5. Readability counts

# YOUR FIRST PROGRAM

```
print ('Hello World')
```

print() is a defined function which writes its input to the standard output, e.g. your command line

Each function in python ends with () the brackets can contain one or more parameters

# COMMENTING YOUR CODE

```
print('Single line comment') # This symbol indicates a single line comment
print('Multiline comments are different')
"""This is a comment
which spans over multiple
lines."""
# But single line comments are
# favored by the python style guide PEP8
```

Commenting your code makes it more read- and maintainable

# DATA TYPES

```
numbers = 5
floats = 0.5
strings = "Hello World"
boolean = True #or "False"
lists = [list_item_1, list_item_2 .. ]
dictionaries = { 'key one' : value, 'key two' : value .. }
```

# OPERATORS 1/2

Python has many built-in operators  
The most used arithmetic Operators are

```
a = 12
b = 5
c = a + b # addition
d = a - b # subtraction
e = a * b # multiplication
f = a / b # division
g = a % b # modulus
h = a ** b # exponent
```



# OPERATORS 2/2

Typical comparison operators are

```
== # equal  
!= # not equal  
<> # not equal  
> # more  
< # less  
>= # more or equal  
<= # less or equal
```

# BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS

```
a = 'Hello '  
b = 'World!'  
c = len(a+b) # Gives us the length of "Hello World!" and stores it in c  
print (a + b) # Prints out Hello World!  
print (c) # Prints out the Lenght of Hello World
```

# CODE FLOW AND LOOPS

- Controlling the flow of a program is often necessary to reduce complexity
- It also reduces the amount of work to complete specific tasks e.g. filling a list with numbers, you don't have to do it by hand but can use loops, for instance with “for” or “while”
- Branching your code allows for different outcomes, this is done via “if” statements

In python there are two kinds of loops

# CODE FLOW WITH "FOR" LOOPS

for loops which execute instructions FOR a specific time or a specific number of times

```
my_list = ['banana', 'strawberry', 'apple', 'lemon', 'peach']
sorted_list = sorted(my_list)
for x in range(1,11,1):
    print(x)
print()
for y in range(10,0,-1):
    print(y)
print()
for z in range(len(sorted_list)):
    print (sorted_list[z])
```

# CODE FLOW WITH "WHILE" LOOPS

while loops which execute instructions WHILE a specific condition is met

```
while condition_one == another_condition:
    do_something()
    do_something_more() # optional
    break_condition == True # optional
a = 0
while a < 10:
    a += 1
    print(a)
```

# BRANCHING WITH "IF"

The following program prints out the numbers from 0 to 100 and if they are even, odd or null

```
for x in range(0, 101, 1):  
    if x == 0:  
        print(x, ' is null')  
    elif x % 2 != 0:  
        print(x, ' is odd')  
    else:  
        print(x, ' is even')
```

# FUNCTIONS

- Functions are necessary to reduce the lines of code
- There are two types of functions
- built-in functions like print(), sort() and so on
- and self defined functions

```
def answer():  
    return 42  
print(answer()) #This simple function just returns 42  
  
def print_list(list):  
    for item in list:  
        print(item) # This function takes a  
                    # list as an argument and prints  
                    # every item in a new line"""  
print_list(my_list)
```

# INCLUDING MODULES AND LIBRARIES

- Sometimes python alone does not have all functions implemented you need
- This is what modules are for
- You can chose to import a whole modules or just some specific functions from it
- To import a complete module add "import module\_name" to the start of your program
- If you just need one or more specific functions from a module you can tell python this via "from module\_name import function"



```
import math
print (math.sqrt(25))

from math import sqrt
print (sqrt(25))
```

The result of both code fragments is the same

# **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD CODE**

**GOOD CODE IS**

- readable
- maintainable
- easy to understand

```
a,t="\n%s bottles of beer on the wall","\nTake one down, pass it around"
for d in range(99,0,-1):print((a%d*2)[:12]+t+a%(d-1 or'No'))
```

```
for quant in range(99, 0, -1): # Loop to count down from 99 to 1
    if quant > 1: # Branch to see if there are more than 1 bottles
        print(quant, "bottles of beer on the wall,", quant, "of beer")
        if quant > 2: # Branch for the second line of the verse
            suffix = str(quant - 1) + " bottles of beer on the wall"
        else: # Branch preparing for the last verse
            suffix = "1 bottle of beer on the wall."
    elif quant == 1: # The last verse of the song
        print ("1 bottle of beer on the wall, 1 bottle of beer")
        suffix = "no more beer on the wall!"
    print ("Take one down, pass it around,", suffix)
    print ("--")
```

# SOURCES

- [MATLAB Code](#)
- [R Code](#)
- [SPSS Code](#)
- Python Code [my own work]
- zTree Code [my own work]
- [View the full source of this presentation](#)

## FURTHER READING

- [Google for Education](#)
- [Codecademey Python course](#)
- [Objektorientierte Softwareentwicklung 2012 \(German\)](#)
- [Python in Neuroscience \(from Frontiers in Neuroinformatics\)](#)
- [Video2Brain \(via Uni-ID, German\)](#)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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