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## Outline

### Starter Programs

- feedback

Recursion

Text Manipulations

- string functions
- Exercises
- Secret message

Cool media art pieces

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Lecture 6: String Manipulations

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# CODE, CULTURE, AND PRACTICE

# Computing is cultural

Social, political, cultural

- Computers attempt to model the world, classifying status and dictate human behavior
  - history, cultural references, and assumptions
- Many ways to solve a problem
  - allowing for variations & innovations in ideas
- We choose what to program, how to explore it, and whether or not we wish to share and allow others to build
  - but we need to understand **how computers think**

Starter programs.ipynb

# clarifications

Importing libraries gives you access to all the functions in that library.

Range and slicing have the same argument syntax  
[ start , end, step ]

If/else statements  
need to belong together

Order matters– put the most  
restrictive clause on top.

```
""" Ordering A Pizza That a Vegan Can Eat """

# things that a vegan does not eat
diet_restrictions = set(['meat', 'cheese'])

# decide which pizza to order
if 'meat' and 'cheese' in diet_restrictions:
    print('Get a vegan pizza.')

elif 'meat' in diet_restrictions:
    print('Get a cheese pizza.')

else:
    print('Get something else.') 
```

Dictionaries, another way to select a value.

# Factorial

number of arrangements for n items

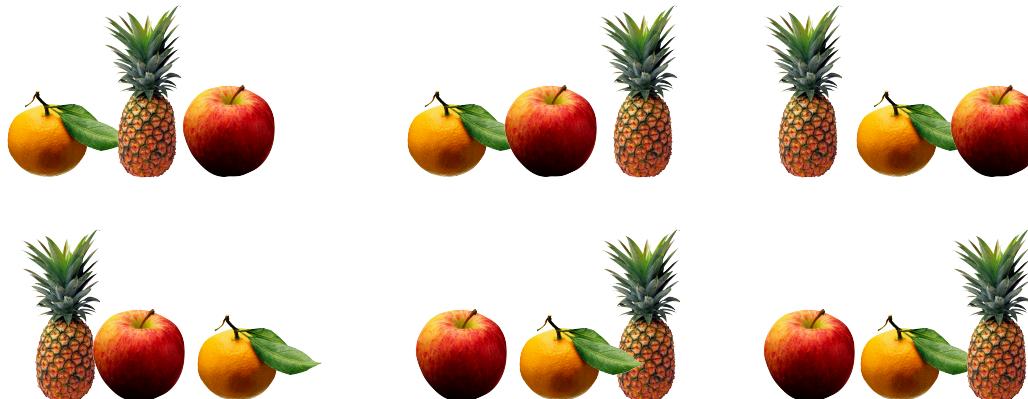
- $1! = 1$



- $2! = 2 * 1 = 2$



- $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$



1 item can be arranged 1 way = [1]  
2 items can be arranged in 2 ways:  
 $2 * 1$  [a,b] or [b,a]  
3 items can be arranged in 6 ways:  
[a,b,c], [a,c,b], [b,a,c]  
[b,c,a], [c,a,b], [c,b,a]

```
def factorial(n):  
    answer = 1  
    if n < 0 :  
        answer = 0  
    for num in range(1,n+1):  
        answer = answer * num  
    return answer
```

# Factorial- another way!

Factorial of n is equal to:

*n times factorial(n-1)*

$$4! = 4 \times 3!$$

$$3 \times 2!$$

$$2 \times 1 !$$

$$1$$

```
factorial(4)
4 * factorial(3)
4 * 3 * factorial(2)
4 * 3 * 2 * factorial(1)
4 * 3 * 2 * 1
4 * 3 * 2
4 * 6
24
```

Recursive function:  
Factorial referencing itself

```
def fact(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    elif n<0:
        return 0
    else:
        return n * fact(n-1)
```

# Recursion

Function references itself

## Doubling every element using recursion

```
def doubler(sequence):
    if len(sequence) == 0:
        return []
    else:
        return [ 2 * sequence[0] ] + doubler(sequence[1:])
```

if the length of the list is 0, return nothing, otherwise, return double the first element and the result of **doubler** on the rest of the list

compare this to

```
def double(sequence):
    result = []
    for element in sequence:
        result = result + [element*2]
    return result
```

```
[2*'a'] + doubler(['b','c'])
[2*'a'] + [2*'b'] + doubler(['c'])
[2*'a'] + [2*'b'] + [2*'c'] + []
[2*'a'] + [2*'b'] + ['2c']
[2*'a'] + ['2b'] + ['2c']
['2a'] + ['2b'] + ['2c']
['2a', '2b', '2c']
```

double every element and save the results into a new list

# Recursion

- identify base case
- identify repeating piece

```
def fact(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    elif n<0:
        return 0
    else:
        return n * fact(n-1)
```

```
def double(sequence):
    result = []
    for element in sequence:
        result = result + [element**2]
    return result
```

```
permutations(words)

if (len(words)) < 2:
    yield words
else:
    for i in range(len(words)):
        for result in permutations(words[:i] + words[i+1:]):
            yield [words[i]] + result
```

Permutation Poems Recursion.ipynb

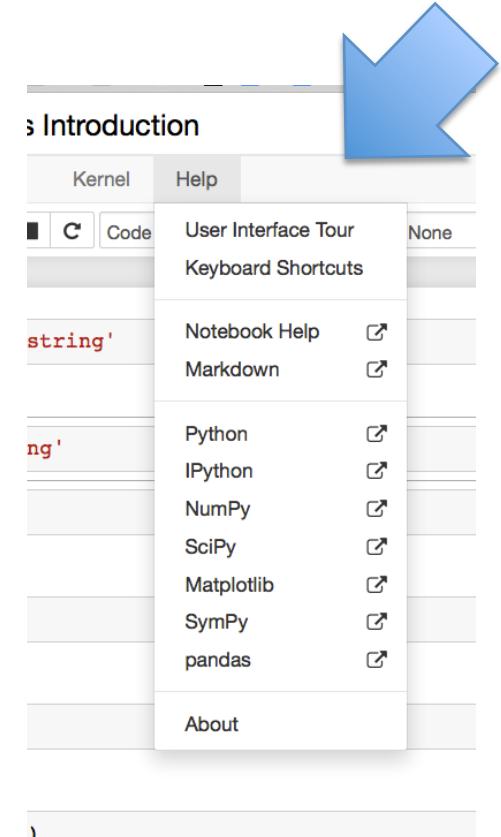
# Strings

Strings are a sequence of characters

- Indicated with surrounding quotation marks “” or ‘ (must be matched)
- Can be assigned to variables
- Can be empty (null string, nothing between quotes)
- Are NOT numbers

Strings have *methods* which are **very useful**

- `len('hello')`, `print('hello')`
- Can get `help` through `len('2112')`<sup>4</sup>
- look at python docs on `string` tor modules
- can find the element using the index  
`string[index]`
- Can get substrings using slices  
`[ start: end : step]`



# Common string functions

join and split

```
names = ['Bob', 'Carol', 'Ted', 'Alice']
```

```
string_delimiter.join( list )    ' & '.join(names)
```

You can also use the + operator.

```
for person in names:  
    print person + " exists."
```

```
Bob exists.  
Carol exists.  
Ted exists.  
Alice exists.
```

list.split( string\_delimiter)

```
text = 'The quick brown fox.'  
text.split(" ")
```

```
['The', 'quick', 'brown', 'fox.']
```

# Sorting string lists

Two ways to sort:

sequence.sort() ---  
sorts list in place, changes  
original

```
alist = ['c', 'a', 'b']
alist.sort()      #change original list
print alist
```

---

```
['a', 'b', 'c']
```

---

sorted(list) -  
- **returns** the sorted list,  
leaves original

```
alist = ['c', 'a', 'b']
sorted(alist)  #original unchanged
print alist
```

---

```
['c', 'a', 'b']
```

# Questions

How would you take every other character of a string of unknown length?

```
'abcdefg' [ ::2 ]
```

How do you find the last character of a string?

How would you reverse a string of characters?

How do you split a string into a list of words?

How would you count the number of characters in a string?

# Exercise: Detecting Doubles

Lets walk through a function...

Write a function that tells us how many double letters in a string.

*They flee from me, that sometime did me seek  
With naked foot stalking in my chamber.*

From *They Flee from Me* by [Thomas Wyatt](#)

<http://bit.ly/WyattFlee>

How might we do this? Break it down....

- 1) Assign it to a variable to make it easy to refer to
- 2) Make all the letters lowercase
- 3) Iterate through the string and find all the double letters..
- 4) Count all the double letters.

DoubleLetters.ipynb

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Simplification: Count all 'ee' s

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- 1) Assign it to a variable to make it easy to refer to

```
wyatt = 'They flee from me that sometime did we seek  
/ With naked foot, stalking in my chamber.'
```

- 2) Make all the letters lowercase

'Oolong'.lower() ↪

wyatt.lower()

'HELLO World'.lower() ↪

original = 'Burma Shave' ↪

original.lower() ↪

# Exercise: Detecting Doubles

*....continued*

```
wyatt = wyatt.lower() #overwrite the original variable with lowercase  
wyatt←
```

3) Iterate through the string and find all the double letters..

    3a) Iterate through the string.                  3b) Find all the double letters.

```
for c in wyatt:  
    print c
```

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....continued

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```

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    3a) Iterate through the string.

    3b) Find all the double letters.

```
for c in wyatt:  
    print c  
  
    (len(wyatt)):  
        ↓  
        range(len(wyatt)):  
  
    for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
        print wyatt[i]  
  
    for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
        print i, wyatt[i]
```

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    print c
```

```
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```

```
range(len(wyatt)):  
    ↓
```

```
for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
    print wyatt[i]
```

```
for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
    print i, wyatt[i]
```

```
wyatt[i:i+2] ←
```

```
for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
    print wyatt[i:i+2]
```

# Exercise: Detecting Doubles

....continued

```
wyatt = wyatt.lower() #overwrite the original variable with lowercase
```

- 4) Count how many of them are 'ee'

```
pair = 0  
  
for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
    print wyatt[i:i+2]  
  
pair = pair + 1
```

```
pair = 0  
  
for i in range(len(wyatt)):  
    if wyatt[i]==wyatt[i+2]:  
        pair = pair + 1  
    print i,wyatt[i], wyatt[i+1]
```

Solve that index error!  
Then bundle it into a function **twin()**

# Group Exercise

## Message Encoding/Decoding Exercise

Using your new knowledge of string indexing, slicing, splitting, and joining

Each person in the group:

- Decide on a message to encode.
- Write a function that takes the message string and encodes it in some way.
- Give your function to another person in the group.
- Have the second person write the decoder.
- Share your work with the class.

Deliverables:

Each person will submit an ipython notebook with

1. A message
2. An encoder
3. A decoder
4. The names of the people who wrote each part

See for examples:  
Message manipulation.ipynb

Upload your answer (work in progress) at:  
for class participation credit

# Summary

For next class

- Work through some of the notebooks on your own
- Upload the class participation