

CSci 127: Introduction to Computer Science



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Frequently Asked Questions

From lecture slips & recitation sections.

- I didn't get the tree-based networks from last time!
No worries— we'll talk about it first.
- Why do we have design questions (like the tree-based one)?
The design questions cover two of the course's learning objectives: exposure to advanced computer science topics & problem solving.
- Please, more time on circuits/logical expressions/truth tables/decisions!
We will do a bit today, but much more in the following weeks.
- Why is the schedule of classes and quizzes so crazy?
 - ▶ *Lots of holidays has "our week" now starting on Wednesday.*
 - ▶ *Spring Break is Friday, 30 March to Sunday, 8 April.*
 - ▶ *Since we'll miss 2 Fridays, 11 April will follow Friday schedule.*
 - ▶ *After spring break, "our week" will start on Thursdays.*
- I'd like to do more. Any suggestions?
 - ▶ *Hunter has an ACM Chapter & Women in CS clubs.*
 - ▶ *Tech Meetups: focused on just about everything tech (both via CUNY and city-wide).*
 - ▶ *Internships: <https://jobs.lever.co/cunyinternships>*

Functions

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- Functions are a way to break code into pieces, that can be easily reused.
- Many languages require that all code must be organized with functions.
- The opening function is often called `main()`
- You **call** or **invoke** a function by typing its name, followed by any inputs, surrounded by parenthesis: Example: `print("Hello", "World")`
- Can write, or **define** your own functions, which are stored, until invoked or called.

“Hello, World!” with Functions

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(Demo with pythonTutor)

In Pairs or Triples:

1. *Predict what the code will do:*

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def totalWithTax(food,tip):
    total = 0
    tax = 0.0875
    total = food + food * tax
    total = total + tip
    return(total)

lunch = float(input('Enter lunch total: '))
lTip = float(input('Enter lunch tip: '))
lTotal = totalWithTax(lunch, lTip)
print('Lunch total is', lTotal)

dinner= float(input('Enter dinner total: '))
dTip = float(input('Enter dinner tip: '))
dTotal = totalWithTax(dinner, dTip)
print('Dinner total is', dTotal)
```

2. *Fill in the missing code:*

```
def monthString(monthNum):
    """
    Takes as input a number, monthNum, and
    returns the corresponding month name as a string.
    Example: monthString(1) returns "January".
    Assumes that input is an integer ranging from 1 to
    """

    monthString = ""

    #####
    ### FILL IN YOUR CODE HERE      ###
    ### Other than your name above, ###
    ### this is the only section    ###
    ### you change in this program. ###
    #####

    return(monthString)

def main():
    n = int(input('Enter the number of the month: '))
    mString = monthString(n)
    print('The month is', mString)
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(Demo with IDLE)

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#CSci 127 Teaching Staff
#Triangles two ways...
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```

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def setUp(t, dist, col):
    t.penup()
    t.forward(dist)
    t.pendown()
    t.color(col)
```

```
def nestedTriangle(t, side):
    if side > 10:
        for i in range(3):
            t.forward(side)
            t.left(120)
        nestedTriangle(t, side/2)
```

```
def fractalTriangle(t, side):
    if side > 10:
        for i in range(3):
            t.forward(side)
            t.left(120)
        fractalTriangle(t, side/2)
```

```
def main():
    nessa = turtle.Turtle()
    setUp(nessa, 100, "violet")
    nestedTriangle(nessa, 160)

    frank = turtle.Turtle()
    setUp(frank, -100, "red")
    fractalTriangle(frank, 160)

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for i in range(l):  
    print(motto[i])  
for j in range(l-1,-1,-1):  
    print(motto[j])
```

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
import numpy as np  
img = plt.imread('csBridge.png')  
plt.imshow(img)  
plt.show()  
height = img.shape[0]  
width = img.shape[1]  
img2 = img[:height/2, :width/2]  
plt.imshow(img2)  
plt.show()
```

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Accessing Structured Data: NYC Open Data

Open Data for All New Yorkers

Where can you find public Wi-Fi in your neighborhood?
What kind of tree is in front of your office? Learn about where you live, work, eat, shop and play using NYC Open Data.

Search Open Data for things like 311, Buildings, Crime

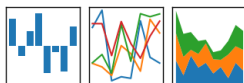
The graphic features a blue background with white text. Below the title, there are two lines of text asking questions about finding public Wi-Fi and trees. Below that is a search bar with the text 'Search Open Data for things like 311, Buildings, Crime'. To the right of the text, there are several speech bubbles containing icons: a heart with a pulse line, a graduation cap, a bar chart with an upward arrow, a location pin, a house, a soccer ball, a factory, and a group of people. At the bottom right, there are four stylized avatars of people with different hair colors and styles.

- Freely available source of data.
- Maintained by the NYC data analytics team.
- We will use several different ones for this class.
- Will use pandas, pyplot & folium libraries to analyze, visualize and map the data.
- Lab 7 covers accessing and downloading NYC OpenData datasets.

Structured Data

pandas

$$y_{it} = \beta' x_{it} + \mu_i + \epsilon_{it}$$



- Common to have data structured in a spread sheet.
- The text file version is called **CSV** for comma separated values.
- Each row is a line; columns are separated by commas.
- We will use the popular Python Data Analysis Library (**Pandas**).
- To use, add to the top of your file:

```
import pandas as pd
```

- To read in a CSV file:

```
myVar = pd.read_csv("myFile.csv")
```

Example: Reading in CSV Files

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
```

```
pop = pd.read_csv('nycHistPop.csv', skiprows=5)
```

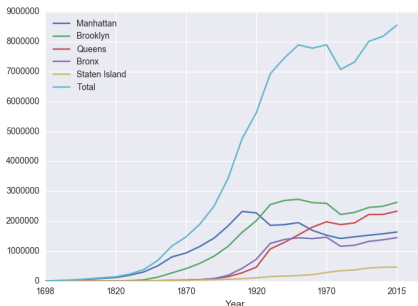
```
pop.plot(x="Year")
plt.show()
```

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_New_York_City,.....
All population figures are consistent with present-day boundaries.....
First census after the consolidation of the five boroughs.....

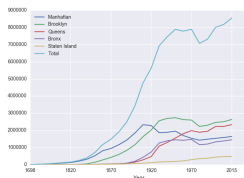
```
Year,Manhattan,Brooklyn,Queens,Bronx,Staten Island,Total
1698,4937,2017,,,727,7681
1771,21863,3623,,,2847,28423
1790,33131,4549,6159,1781,3827,49447
1800,40515,5740,6642,1755,4563,79215
1810,96373,9303,7444,2267,5347,119734
1820,123706,11187,8246,2782,6135,152056
1830,202589,20535,9049,3023,7082,242278
1840,312710,47613,14480,5344,10965,391114
1850,515547,138882,18593,8032,15061,696115
1860,813649,279122,32963,23593,25492,1174779
1870,942292,419901,45468,37393,33829,1470183
1880,1164673,599495,56559,51980,38991,1911698
1890,1441216,838547,87050,88908,51692,2507414
1900,1650093,1146582,152899,200507,67021,2437202
1910,2331542,1634351,284041,430989,85949,4766883
1920,2284193,2018256,469042,732016,116511,5620048
1930,1867312,2560461,1079129,1265598,159346,6906446
1940,1889924,2698285,1297634,1394711,174441,7454995
1950,1940101,2738275,1505049,1452177,291559,7892957
1960,1698281,2627319,1809578,1624815,221993,7781984
1970,1539233,2602012,1986473,1471701,295443,7094862
1980,1428285,2230936,1801325,1164872,352121,7071439
1990,1487536,2300644,1951598,1203789,378977,7322564
2000,1537195,2465326,2229379,1326450,443728,8006278
2010,1484873,2504760,2230722,1385108,468730,8175133
2015,1644518,2636735,2339155,1455444,476558,8550405
```

nycHistPop.csv

In Lab 6



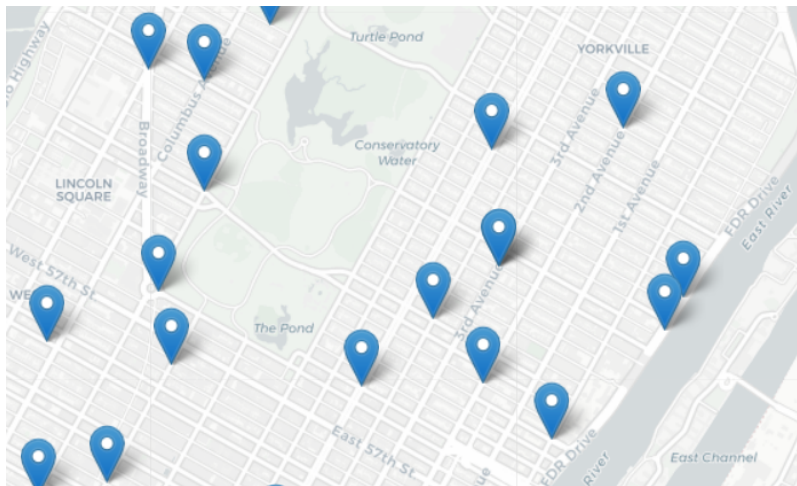
Series in Pandas



- Series can store a column or row of a DataFrame.
- Example: `pop["Manhattan"]` is the Series corresponding to the column of Manhattan data.
- Example:

```
print("The largest number living in  
the Bronx is", pop["Bronx"].max())
```

Design Question



Design an algorithm that uses NYC OpenData collision data and computes the closest collision to the location the user provides.
(Design only the pseudocode.)

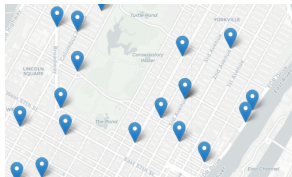
Design Question

Design an algorithm that uses NYC OpenData collision data and computes the closest collision to the location the user provides.

How to approach this:

- Create a “To Do” list of what your program has to accomplish.
- Read through the problem, and break it into “To Do” items.
- Don’t worry if you don’t know how to do all the items you write down.
- Example:
 - 1 Find data set (great place to look: NYC OpenData).
 - 2 Ask user for current location.
 - 3 Open up the CSV file.
 - 4 Check distance to each to user’s location.
 - 5 Save the location with the smallest distance.

Recap



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