Python Beginner's Workshop

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Outline

Ground Rules

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Greetings

1. "How did I get here? What is my prior experience in Python and Programming (if any)?"
2. "What do I want to have happen?" (write on mindmap)
3. "What expertise or experience do I have that others here might find useful?"

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An Example

```
passwordFile = open('SecretPasswordFile.txt')                1
secretPassword = passwordFile.read()                         2
print('Enter your password.')                                3
typedPassword = raw_input()                                  4
if typedPassword == secretPassword:                          5
    print('Access granted')                                  6
    if typedPassword == '12345':                             7
        print('That one is used on luggage.')               8
    else:                                                    9
        print('Access denied')                               10
```

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Running Python

Example

run python with:

```
$ python
```

enter the following into the interactive prompt:

```
>>> print("Hello, World!")
```

and

```
>>> import this
```

Installing Python

Let's create script.py now

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

and run it with

```
$ python script.py
```

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Notation

When you see an example like:

```
>>> print("Hello, World!")
```

it means to type that out in the interactive prompt. When you see an example like:

example.py

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

1

it means to type that out into a file, in this case, named *example.py*.

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Python as a Calculator

```
>>> 100 * 2
200
>>> (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6) / 6
3.5
>>> 1 - 2*100 + 3*12
-163
>>> abs(-163)
163
```

Python Math Operations

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Functions

```
def hello():
    print 'Howdy!'
    print 'Howdy!!!'
    print 'Hello there.'

hello()
hello()
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```

Functions

```
def hello(name):                                    1
    print 'Hello ' + name                           2
                                                    3
hello('Alice')                                      4
hello('Bob')                                        5
```

Functions

```
def add(a, b):
      return a + b

print(add(1,2))
print(add(1,2) + add(3,4))
```

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Strings

Examples

```
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"This is 'a' string"
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More Examples

```
>>> 'this is a string'.title()
'This Is A String'
>>> 'this is a string'.upper()
'THIS IS A STRING'
>>> 'what ARE you doing!?'.lower()
'what are you doing!?'
>>> "   there's whitespace in this   ".strip()
"there's whitespace in this string."
```

Hello again

hello.py

```
name = input('What is your name? ')
print('Hello, ' + name + '!')
```

let's try it!

```
$ python hello.py
```

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Indexing

```
>>> s = 'We are the Knights who say ni!'
>>> s[0]
'W'
>>> s[-1]
'!'
>>> s[7:10]
'the'
>>> s[-7:-4]
'say'
```

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```
+---+---+---+---+---+---+
| P | y | t | h | o | n |
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0   1   2   3   4   5   6
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Lists

```
>>> mylist = [1, 2, 'three', "4", 5.3]
>>> s = "What are the words in this string?"
>>> s.split()
['What', 'are', 'the', 'words', 'in', 'this',
   'string?']
>>> words = s.split()
>>> words.sort
>>> words
['What', 'are', 'in', 'string?', 'the', 'this'
   , 'words']
```

Lists

What are the methods of list?

Remember:

```
>>> help(list)
```

and try out:

```
>>> dir(list)
```

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Dictionaries

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>>> myCat = {'size': 'fat', 'color': 'gray',
...          'disposition': 'loud'}
>>> myCat['size']
'fat'
>>> 'My cat has ' + myCat['color'] + ' fur.'
'My cat has gray fur.'
```

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Environments

virtualenv

```
$ virtualenv raindrop
$ . raindrop/source/bin/activate # Linux and OSX
$ randrop\Scripts\activate # Windows
```

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Installing Third-Party Packages

```
$ pip install requests
```

Finding Third-Party Packages

`http://pypi.python.org`

Requests Example

requests_script.py

```
import requests                                          1
resp = requests.get('http://httpbin.org/ip')             2
print(resp.json())                                       3
```

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Booleans

```
>>> bool(1)
True
>>> bool(0)
False
>>> bool("no")
True
>>> bool("")
False
>>> bool([])
False
>>> bool([42])
True
```

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Looping and Branching

```
>>> words = 'this is a list of words'.split()
>>> for word in words:
...     print(word.title())
...
This
Is
A
List
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```

Looping and Branching

```
password = input("Enter the secret word: ")
if password == "sesame":
    print("Access granted.")
else:
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Boolean operators:

- == != <= >= > < in

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Looping and Branching

While Loop

```
while True:
    password = input("Enter the secret word: ")
    if password == "sesame":
        print("Access granted.")
        break
    else:
        print("Access denied!")
```

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Practice Problems

- Write code that prints Hello if 1 is stored in spam, prints Howdy if 2 is stored in spam, and prints Greetings! if anything else is stored in spam.
- Write a short program that prints the numbers 1 to 10 using a for loop. Then write an equivalent program that prints the numbers 1 to 10 using a while loop.
- Write a function named collatz() that has one parameter named number. If number is even, then collatz() should print number // 2 and return this value. If number is odd, then collatz() should print and return 3 * number + 1.

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Practice Problems

- Say you have a list value like this:

  ```
  spam = ['apples', 'bananas', 'tofu', 'cats']
  ```

  Write a function that takes a list value as an argument and returns a string with all the items separated by a comma and a space, with and inserted before the last item. For example, passing the previous spam list to the function would return 'apples, bananas, tofu, and cats'. But your function should be able to work with any list value passed to it.

Practice Problems

- You are creating a fantasy video game. The data structure to model the player's inventory will be a dictionary where the keys are string values describing the item in the inventory and the value is an integer value detailing how many of that item the player has. For example, the dictionary value

```
{'rope': 1, 'torch': 6, 'gold coin': 42,
 'dagger': 1, 'arrow': 12}
```

  means the player has 1 rope, 6 torches, 42 gold coins, and so on.

Practice Problems

Write a function named displayInventory() that would take any possible "inventory" and display it like the following:

```
Inventory:
12 arrow
42 gold coin
1 rope
6 torch
1 dagger
Total number of items: 62
```

Conclusion

- Final Takeaways
- Survey `https://goo.gl/forms/ZpNl0z8pw5J8J8Rv1`
- Feedback – `http://sayat.me/pysprings`
- Based on `https://automatetheboringstuff.com/` released under 

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Projects!

- Colorwall
  `https://github.com/jesstess/ColorWall`
- WordPlay `https://github.com/jesstess/Wordplay`
- Twitter
  `https://github.com/jesstess/TwitterAPI`
- General Projects Page `http://wiki.openhatch.org/Boston_Python_Workshop_6/Saturday_projects`
- Daily Programmer
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