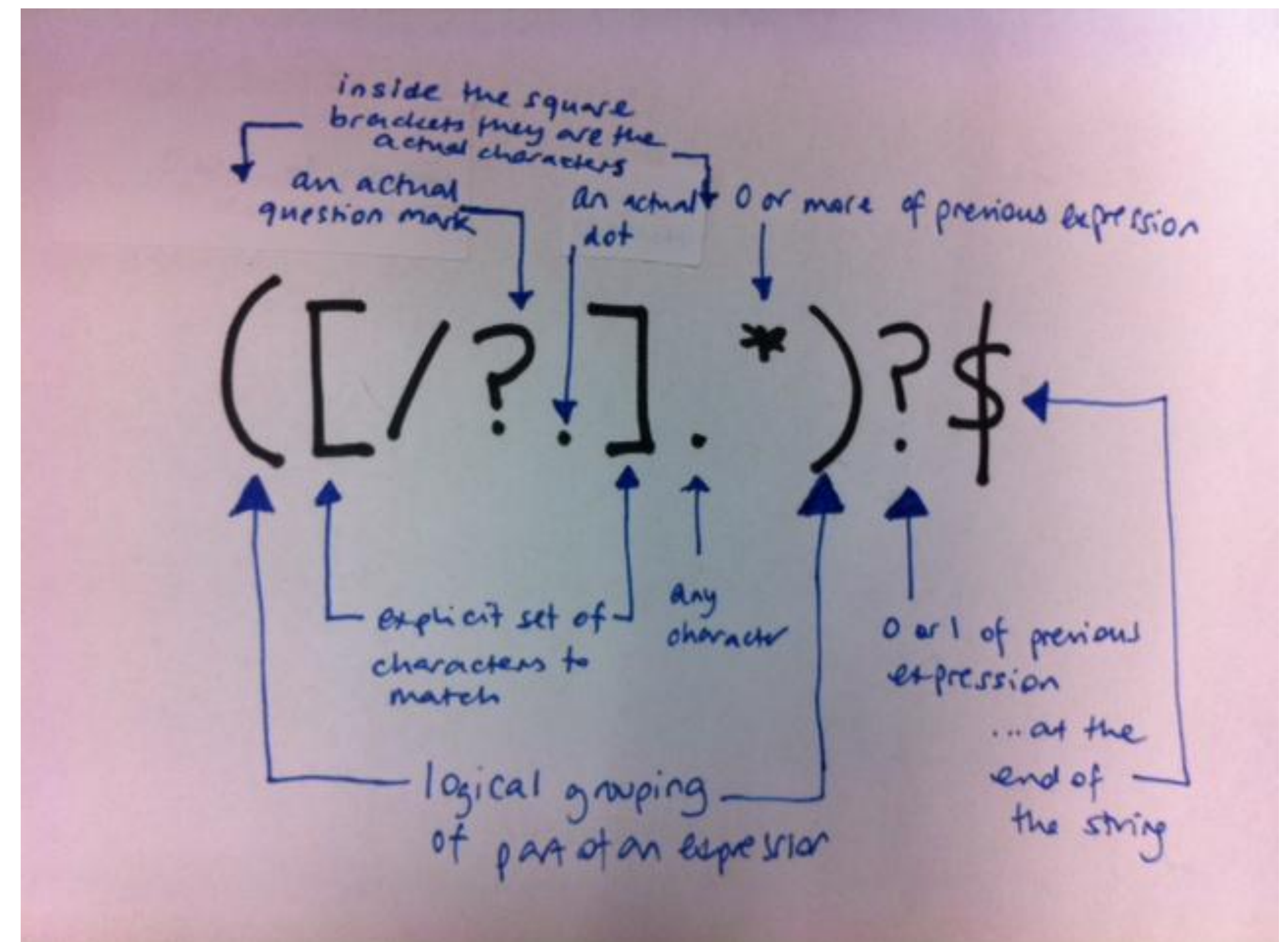
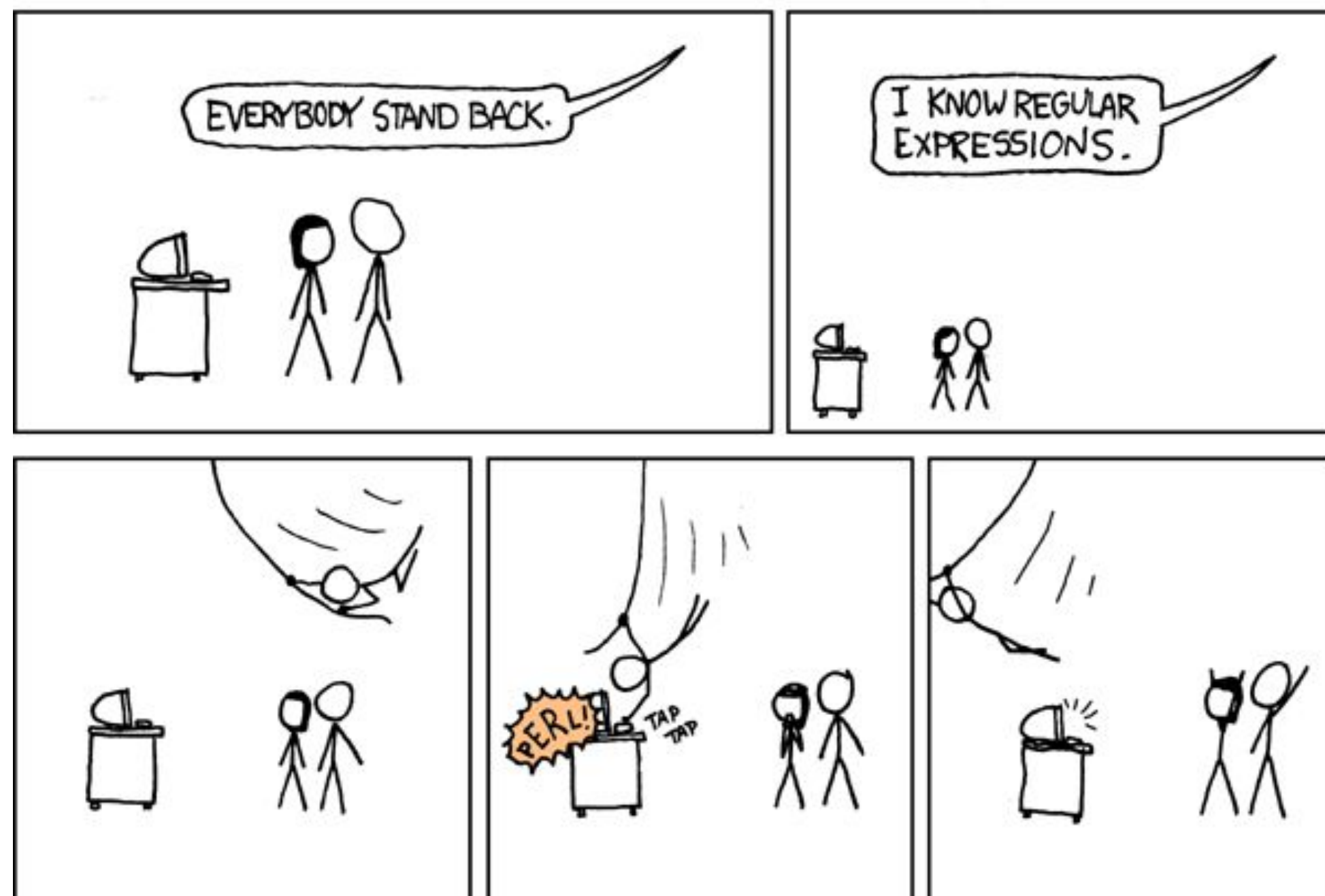


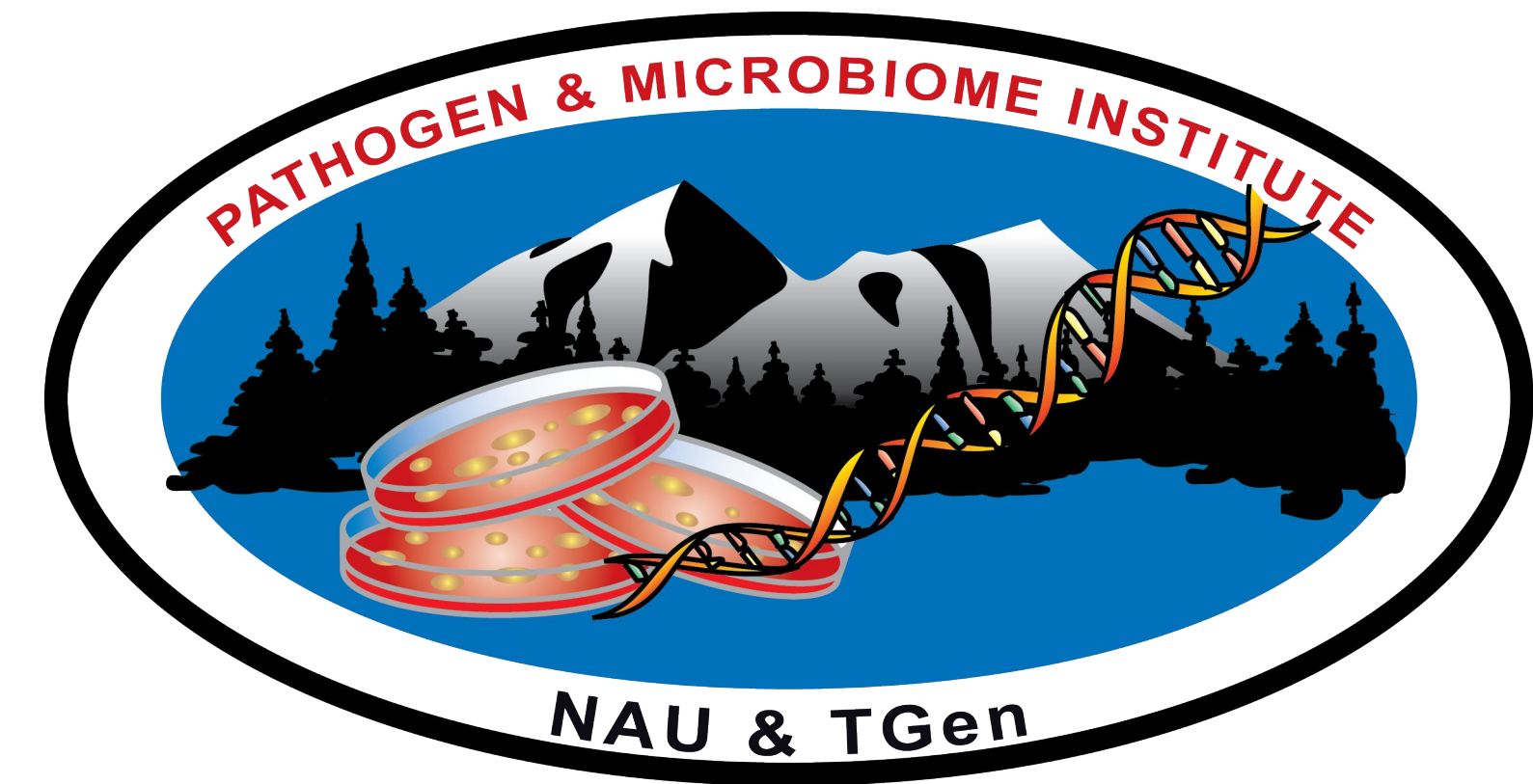
Intro & Regular Expressions

Spring 2025, Week 1
January 17, 2025

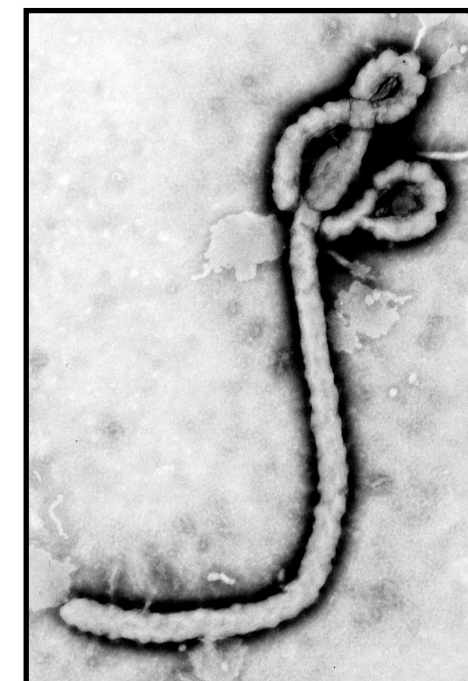


Check-in,
intros

PhD - Evolutionary genetics



PostDoc - Pathogen genomics



Associate Professor
Dept of Biological Sciences
Pathogen and Microbiome Institute

Intros

1. Your name (Optional: pronouns)
2. Check-in
3. Your research focus
4. A data processing/analysis challenge

Outline

- Course organization
- Plain text files
- Regular expressions

Course organization

What this course is: Intro to general computing techniques broadly applicable to many research-related tasks

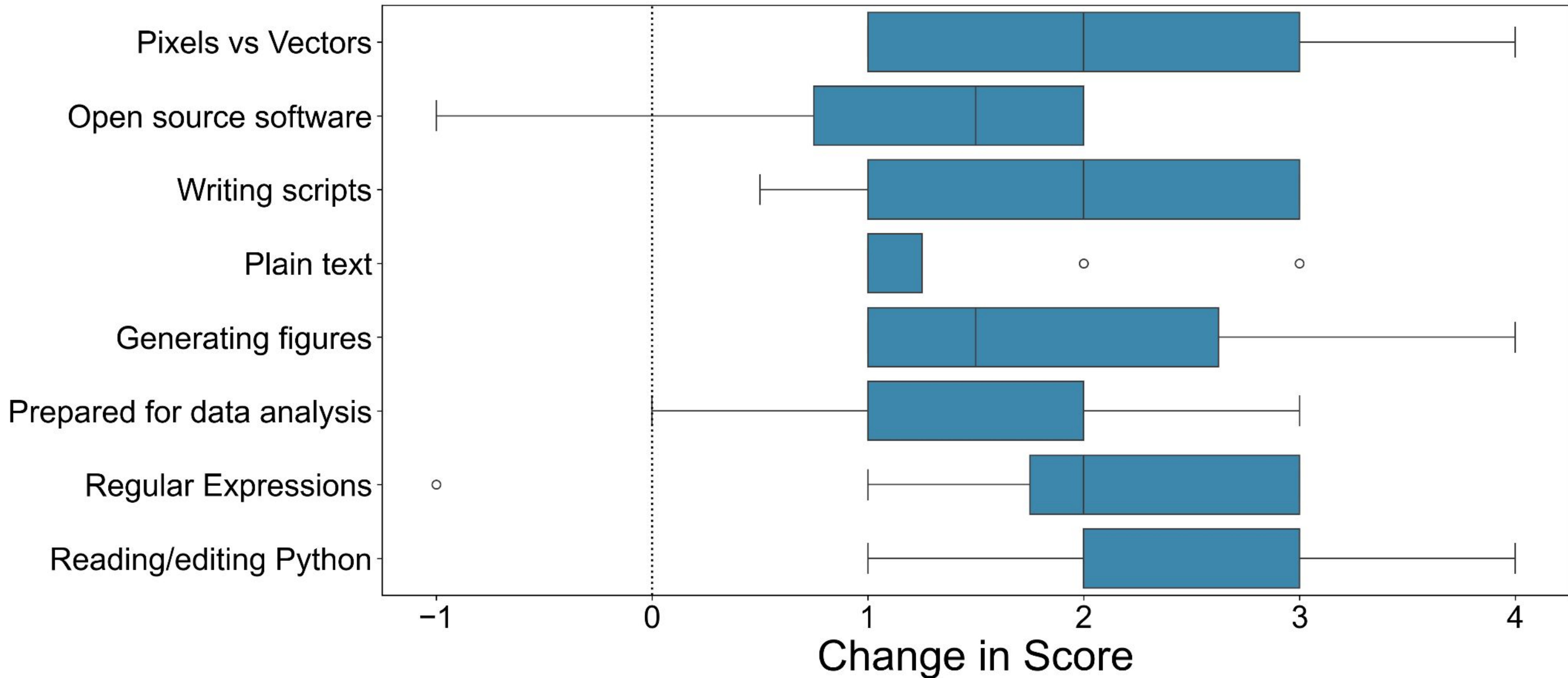
What it isn't: A bioinformatics class

Goal: Introduce a variety of
potentially useful tools

2024 Assessment Results



2024 Assessment Results




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Course Syllabus

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College of Environment, Forestry and Natural Sciences

BIO 682, Quantitative Biology

Spring 2025, 3 credit hours

Instructor:

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Office Hours:

TBD

Course Purpose:

As datasets continue to increase in complexity, computational analysis is becoming a routine part of scientific research. This is a hands-on training course that teaches you how to use general computing tools to work more efficiently and

January 2025						
<						>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Assignments are weighted by group:

Group	Weight
Assignments	33%
Attendance_Participation	33%
Final Project	34%
Reading	0%
Total	100%

Required text



- Haddock, S. H. D. and Dunn, C. W. (2010). Practical Computing for Biologists. Sinauer Associates
- <http://practicalcomputing.org/>
- Reading must be complete **PRIOR** to class

Class organization

New Content (First 11 weeks)

- Lectures
- Demos
- In class work time
(homework assignments)

Individual projects (Last 4 weeks)

- Individual coding projects
- Topic of your choice
- 2 work weeks
- 2 weeks for presentations

Assignments

- One assignment per week (weeks 1-11)
- Focus on hands-on time in class (may need to complete outside of class)
- Always due by 11:59 pm on Thursday
- Can submit 1 revision per assignment

Modules page in Canvas

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 Resources for Student Success
 Resources for Career Readiness

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Access assignments via Modules

▼ 1. Regular Expressions	
Reading	
	Reading - Week 1 Jan 17
Demo	
	Demo 1 Files
	Week 1 - Demo Recording
Assignment	
	Exercises - Week 1 Jan 23 10 pts

Assignments submitted via Canvas

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Exercises - Week 1

Due: Thu Jan 23, 2025 11:59pm

10 Points Possible

Attempt 1



In Progress

NEXT UP: Submit Assignment



Add Comment

Unlimited Attempts Allowed

▼ Details

1. Download the assignment files (also available via [GitHub](#)).
2. Follow [instructions](#) in GitHub repository.
3. Upload a) completed answer sheet (Assignment_01.docx), b) reformatted version of filenames.txt and c) reformatted version of HastingsBirdList_2007.txt.

Assignment Files:

[Assignment_01.docx](#)

[filenames.txt](#)

[HastingsBirdList_2007.txt](#)

Choose a submission type



Upload



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Assignment	Initial Setup	last week
Demo	Initial Setup	last week
Assignment_01.docx	Initial Setup	last week
readme.md	Update readme.md	now


readme.md

Class 1 - Jan. 17th 2025


- In this first class we will:
 - Discuss the syllabus and course organization/expectations
 - Troubleshoot computer setup problems
 - Learn to use regular expressions to edit plain text files

Required Reading (Must be completed ahead of time)

Practical Computing for Biologists, Chapters 1-3

 **GitHub**

Materials will be continually added to repository

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LICENSE	Initial commit	last week
README.md	Initial Setup	last week
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README GPL-3.0 license

Quantitative Biology (BIO 682), Spring 2025

- This is the primary repository for course materials, and will be updated regularly.
- Please make sure to "pull" updates to your personal machine prior to class each week.

About

Course materials for NAU's BIO 682 (Quantitative Biology), Spring semester 2025.

Readme

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Releases

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Packages

No packages published
[Publish your first package](#)

“Pulling” GitHub updates

Windows users: maintain 2 copies of the repository

Windows

Course Repo #1

Ubuntu

Course Repo #2

Grading

- Assignments (33%)
- Attendance/Participation (33%)
- Final Project/Presentation (34%)

Final project - deadlines

Course Schedule:

Week	Date	Topic	Reading
1	1/17	Intro, Setup & Regular Expressions	PCfB: Ch. 1-3
2	1/24	The Shell - Part 1	PCfB: Ch. 4-5
3	1/31	The Shell - Part 2	PCfB: Ch. 6, 21
4	2/7	Python Programming - Part 1	PCfB: Ch. 7-8 Jupyter Tutorial
5	2/14	Python Programming - Part 2	PCfB: Ch. 9
6	2/21	Python Programming - Part 3	PCfB: Ch. 10-11
7	2/28	Python Programming - Part 4	PCfB: Ch. 12
8	3/7	Python Programming - Part 4	PCfB: Ch. 13-14
9	3/21	Graphical concepts: vectors vs. pixels	PCfB: Ch. 17-19
10	3/28	Making Figures in Python - Part 1 (*Project proposal due)	Matplotlib overview
11	4/4	Making Figures in Python - Part 2	
12	4/11	Work/Troubleshoot Day #1	
13	4/18	Work/Troubleshoot Day #2	
14	4/25	Project Presentations - Part 1	
15	5/2	Project Presentations - Part 2	
Finals	5/7	*Final project due	

Computer setup

- Text Editor
- Command line terminal
- GitHub Repository

https://github.com/jtladner/BIO682_Spring2025/tree/main/Getting%20Started

Plain text
files

Plain text file

- Pure sequence of character codes
- No formatting (e.g., text size, color, font, spacing)
- Human and machine readable
- Standardized

Which of these formats are NOT plain text?

Excel (.xlsx)

html

OpenOffice (.odf)

Google Sheet

text (.txt)

fasta

markdown

xml

Google Doc

nexus

json

Word (.doc)

rich text (.rtf)

python script (.py)

tab-separated (.tsv)

Viewing non-plain text in text editor

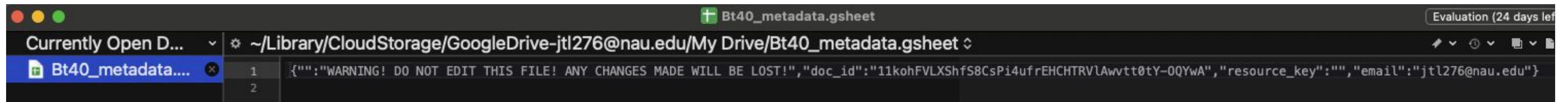
Google Slides



The screenshot shows a text editor window titled "Lecture 1 - What is a virus - Part 1.gslides". The file path is `~/Library/CloudStorage/GoogleDrive-jtl276@nau.edu/My Drive/Courses/BIO402-502/Slides/Part1/Lecture 1 - What is a virus - Part 1.gslides`. The editor displays the raw JSON data of the presentation, which includes a warning message and a document ID.

```
{"":"WARNING! DO NOT EDIT THIS FILE! ANY CHANGES MADE WILL BE LOST!","doc_id":"1rSejoPSAt8G1hVeUZKumF4r9_Bq0AATI8fIqrCi8yAM","resource_key":"","email":"jtl276@nau.edu"}
```

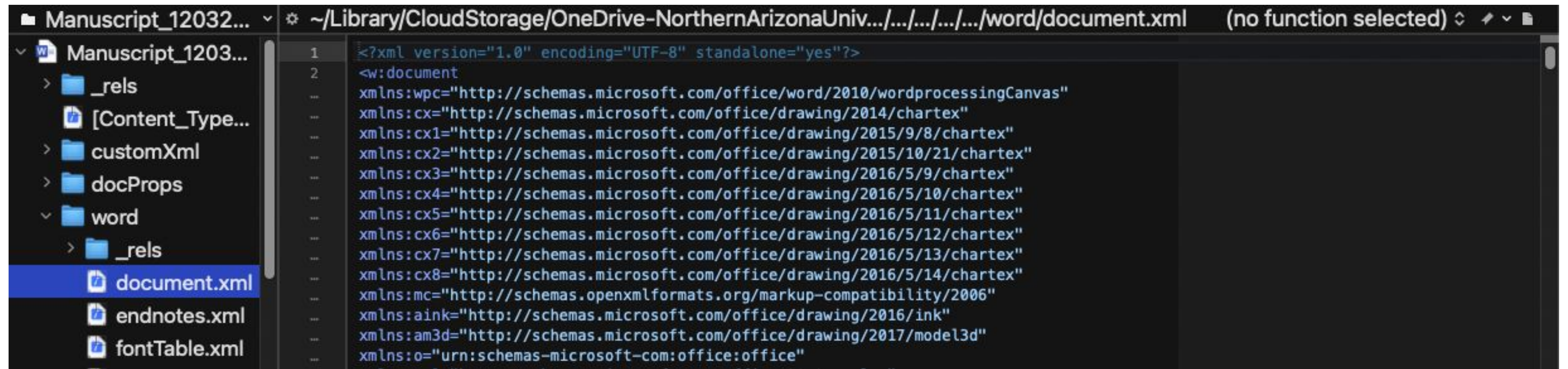
Google Sheet



The screenshot shows a text editor window titled "Bt40_metadata.gsheel". The file path is `~/Library/CloudStorage/GoogleDrive-jtl276@nau.edu/My Drive/Bt40_metadata.gsheel`. The editor displays the raw JSON data of the sheet, which includes a warning message and a document ID.

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```

Word Doc



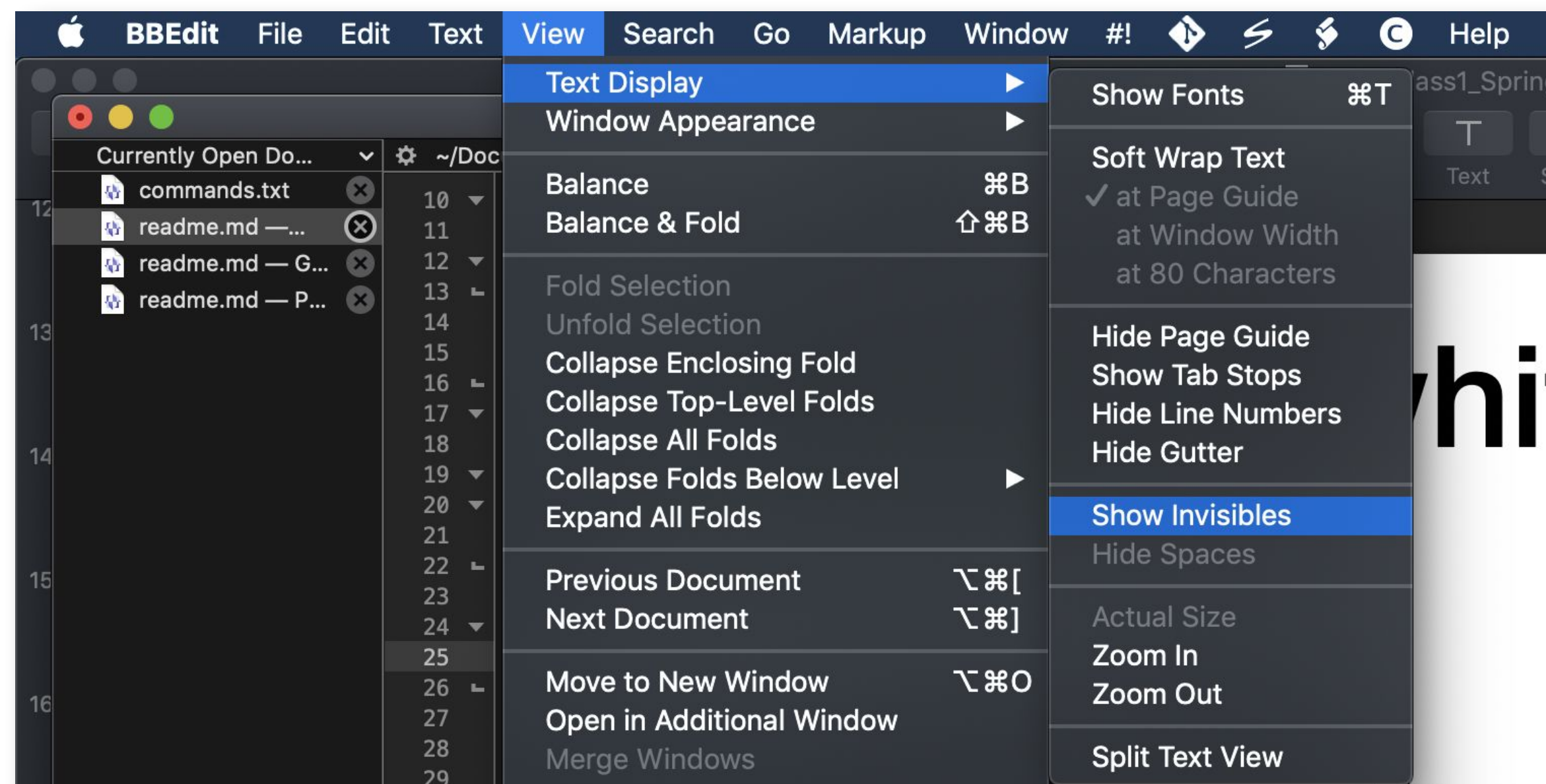
The screenshot shows a text editor window titled "Manuscript_12032...". The file path is `~/Library/CloudStorage/OneDrive-NorthernArizonaUniv.../.../.../word/document.xml`. The editor displays the raw XML data of the document, which includes a warning message and a document ID.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" standalone="yes"?>
<w:document
  xmlns:wpc="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/word/2010/wordprocessingCanvas"
  xmlns:cx="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2014/chartex"
  xmlns:cx1="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2015/9/8/chartex"
  xmlns:cx2="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2015/10/21/chartex"
  xmlns:cx3="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2016/5/9/chartex"
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  xmlns:cx7="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2016/5/13/chartex"
  xmlns:cx8="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2016/5/14/chartex"
  xmlns:mc="http://schemas.openxmlformats.org/markup-compatibility/2006"
  xmlns:aink="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2016/ink"
  xmlns:am3d="http://schemas.microsoft.com/office/drawing/2017/model3d"
  xmlns:o="urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office"
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Whitespace

- Space
- Tab
- End of line

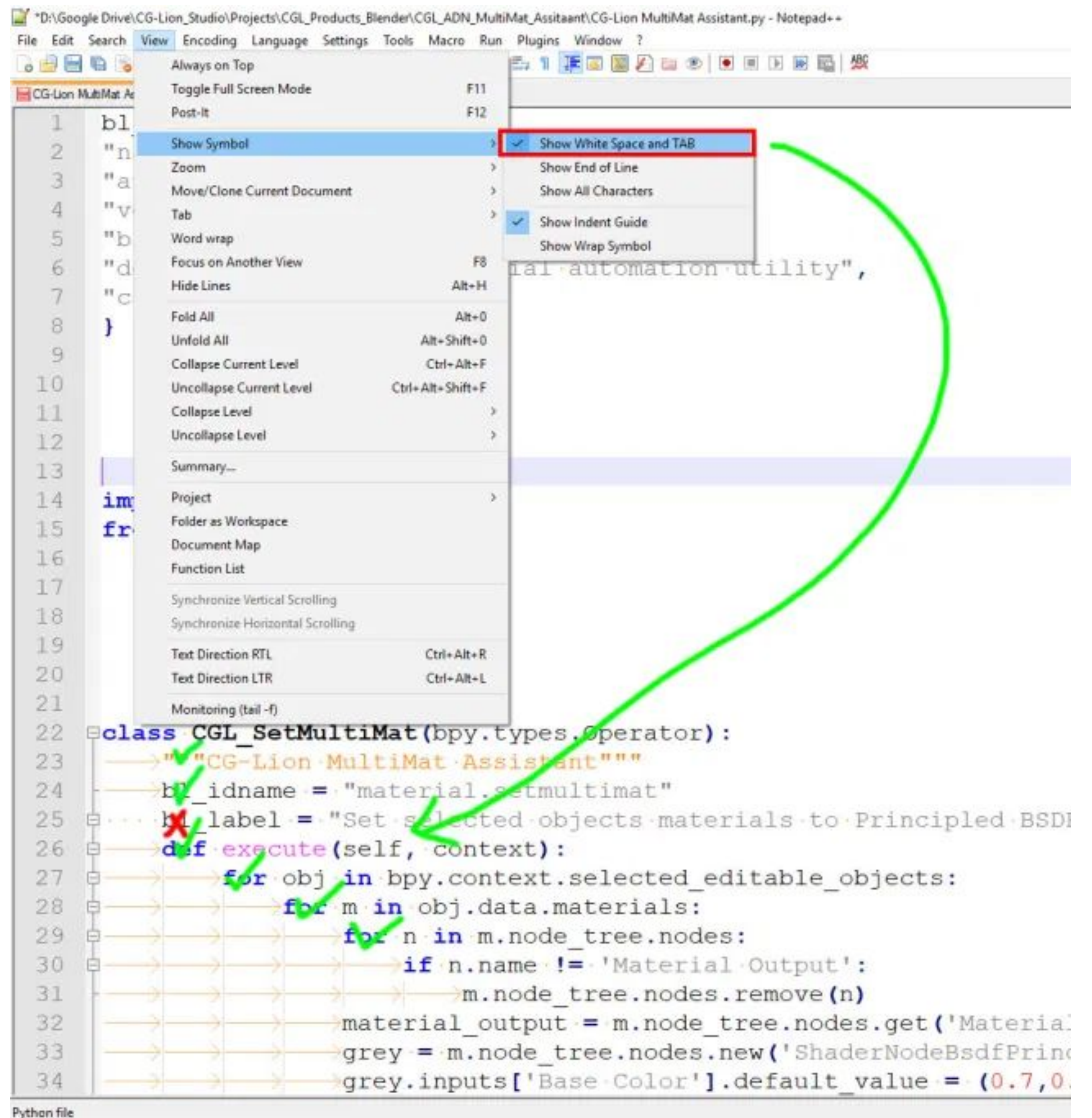
Visualizing white space (BBEdit)



```
readme.md Free Mode
~/Documents/.../Week01_Intro_RegE... Assignment
10  ### Prep for next class
11
12  1. Open your command line interface and type this command f
13  ```echo $SHELL```
14
15  If the reponse is not "/bin/bash", let me know.
16
17  ### Assignment
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19  1. Go to [RegexOne](https://regexone.com/) and complete the
20      - Although the interface will allow you to only match a
21      - Keep track of your solutions in the table provided in
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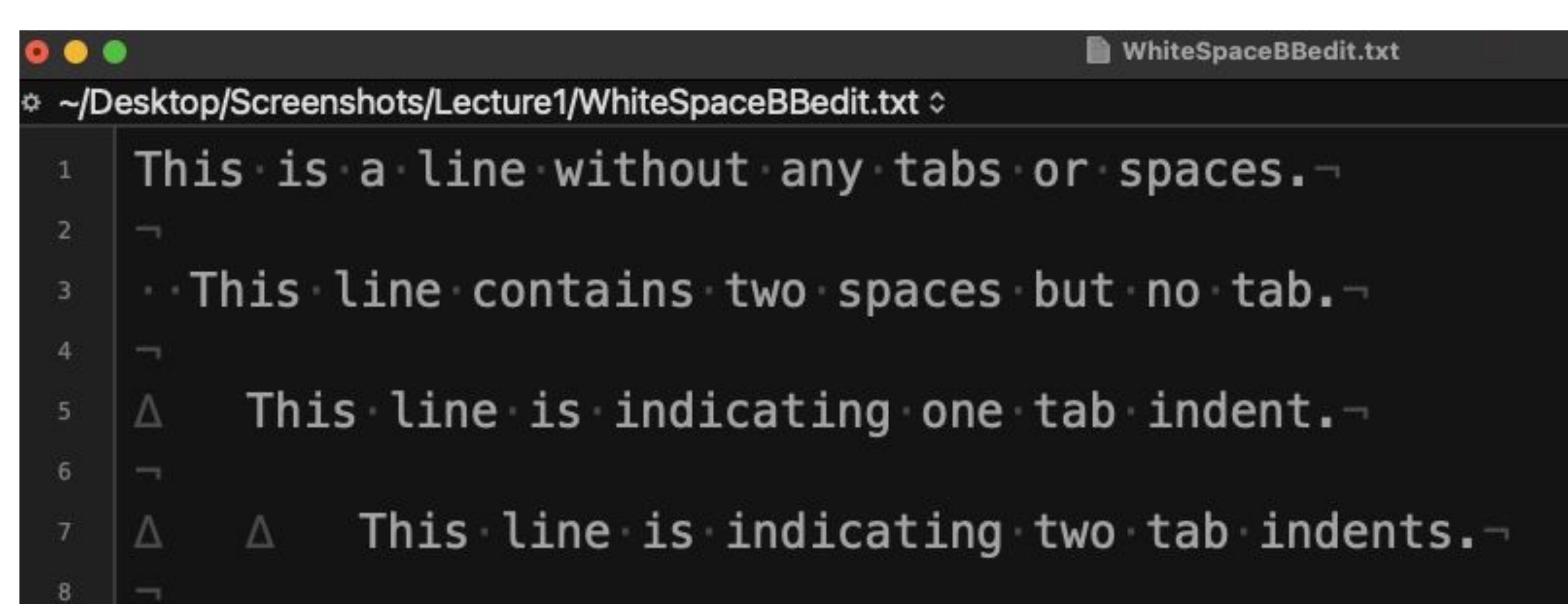

Visualizing white space (Notepad++)



The screenshot shows the Notepad++ interface with the 'View' menu open. The 'Show White Space and TAB' option is checked and highlighted with a red box. A green arrow points from this menu item to the code editor, where the same option is being demonstrated. The code editor shows a Python file with the following code:

```
1 bl
2 "n
3 "a
4 "v
5 "b
6 "d
7 "c
8 }
9
10
11
12
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14 im
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21
22 class CGL_SetMultiMat(bpy.types.Operator):
23     """CG-Lion MultiMat Assistant"""
24     bl_idname = "material.setmultimat"
25     bl_label = "Set selected objects materials to Principled BSDF"
26     def execute(self, context):
27         for obj in bpy.context.selected_editable_objects:
28             for m in obj.data.materials:
29                 for n in m.node_tree.nodes:
30                     if n.name != 'Material Output':
31                         m.node_tree.nodes.remove(n)
32                         material_output = m.node_tree.nodes.get('Material')
33                         grey = m.node_tree.nodes.new('ShaderNodeBsdfPrinc
34                         grey.inputs['Base Color'].default_value = (0.7, 0.
```


BBEdit

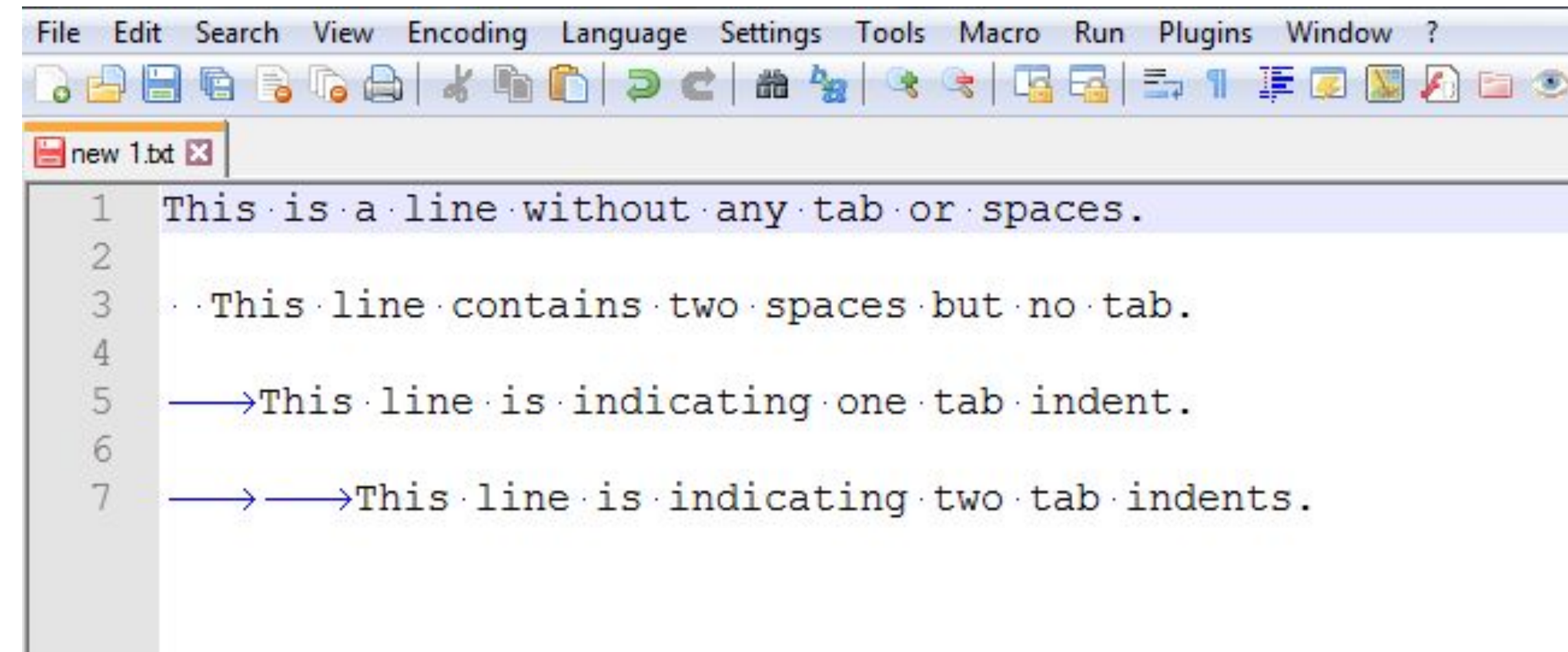


WhiteSpaceBBedit.txt

~/Desktop/Screenshots/Lecture1/WhiteSpaceBBedit.txt

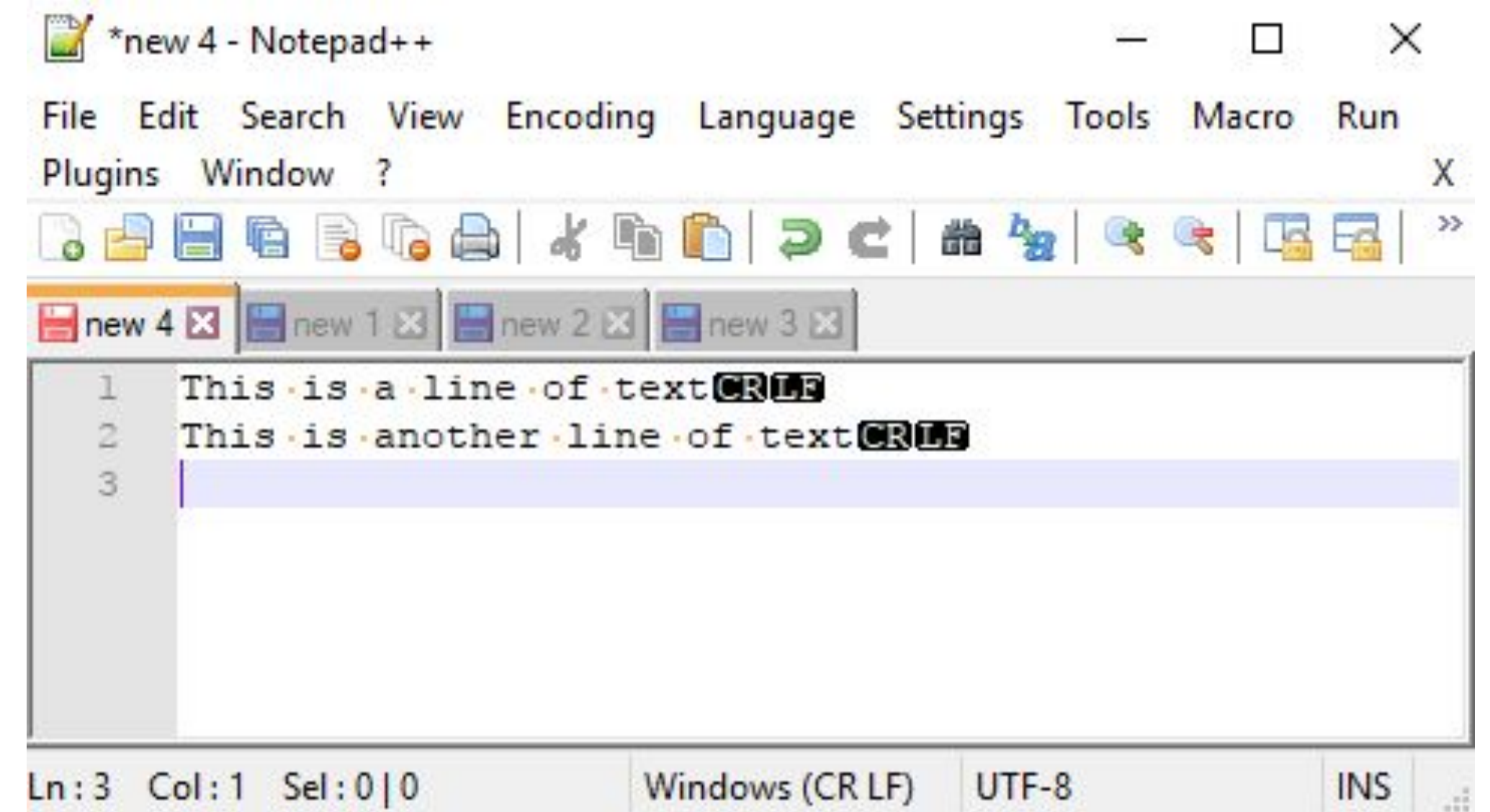
```
1 This is a line without any tabs or spaces.↵
2 ↵
3  ··This line contains two spaces but no tab.↵
4 ↵
5 Δ   This line is indicating one tab indent.↵
6 ↵
7 Δ   Δ   This line is indicating two tab indents.↵
8 ↵
```

Notepad++



new 1.txt

```
1 This is a line without any tab or spaces.
2
3  ··This line contains two spaces but no tab.
4
5  —→This line is indicating one tab indent.
6
7  —→—→This line is indicating two tab indents.
```



*new 4 - Notepad++

File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Macro Run Plugins Window ?

new 4 new 1 new 2 new 3

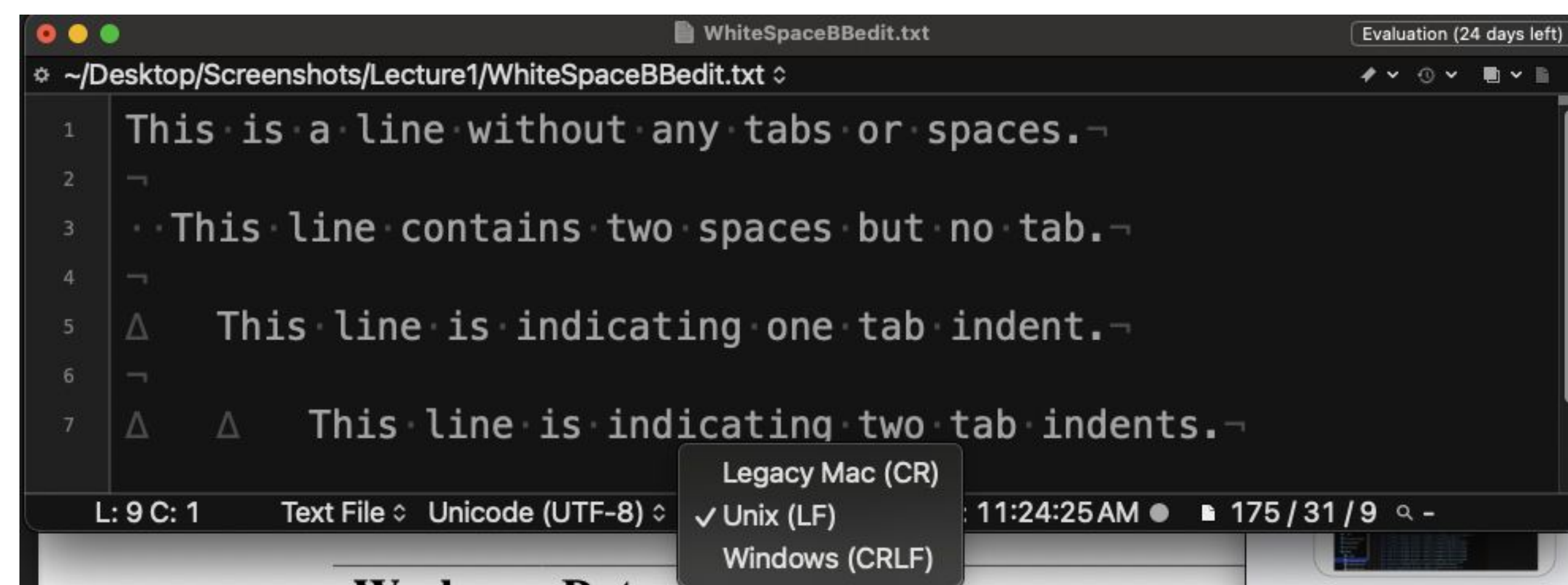
```
1 This is a line of textCR LF
2 This is another line of textCR LF
3
```

Ln: 3 Col: 1 Sel: 0 | 0 Windows (CR LF) UTF-8 INS

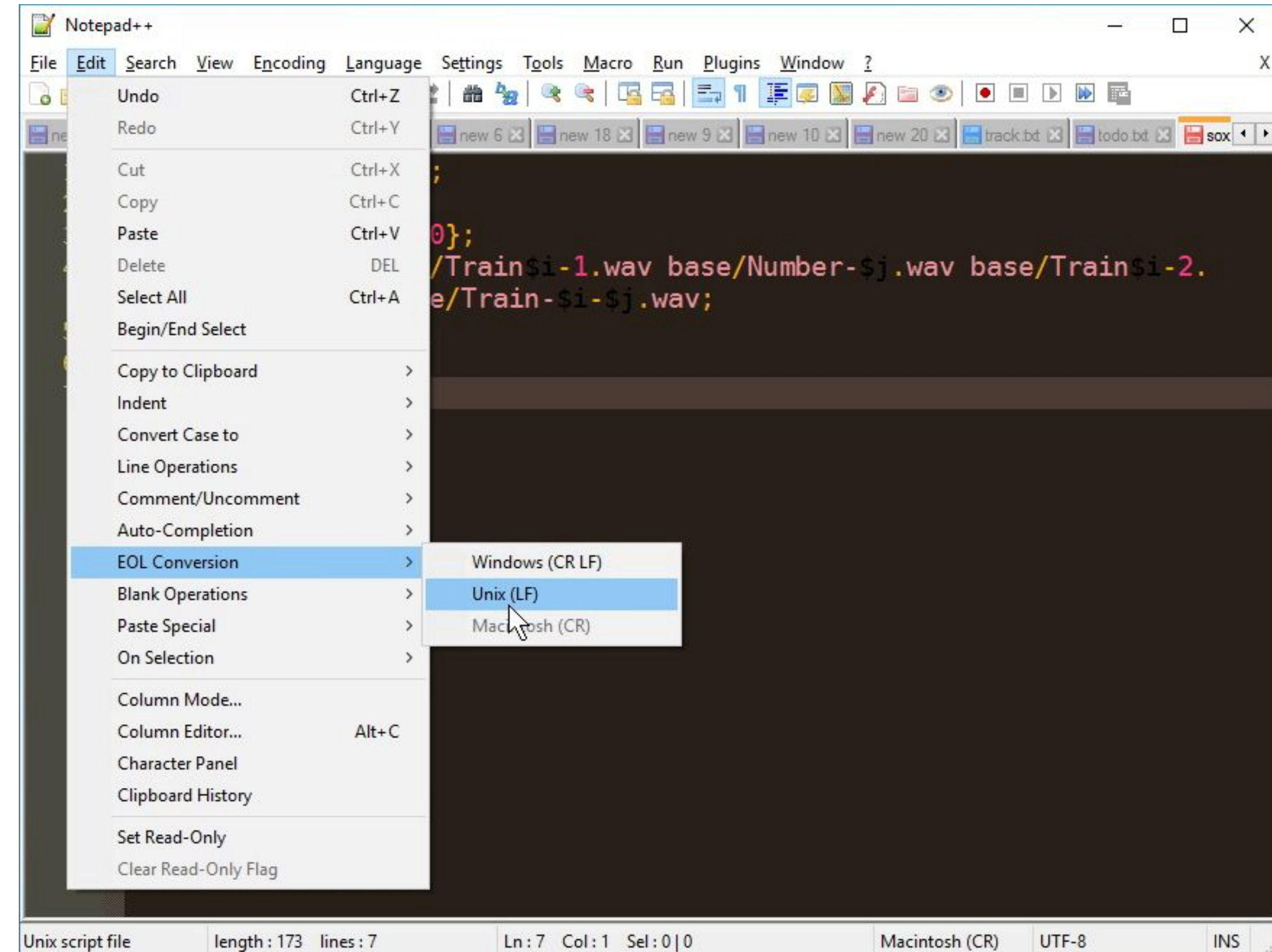
End of line characters differ by OS

- Line feed (LF) - Mac OSX, Linux
- Carriage return (CR) - Mac OS9 and earlier
- Carriage return + line feed (CRLF) - Windows

BBEdit



Notepad++



Regular expressions

Regular expressions

(a.k.a. regex, regexp)

- Powerful find and replace toolkit
- Understood by many text editors, programming languages and even search engines
- Power comes from wildcard operators

\d

\w

\s

.

$\backslash w+$

$\backslash w^*$

$\backslash w?$

[ABC]

[^ABC]

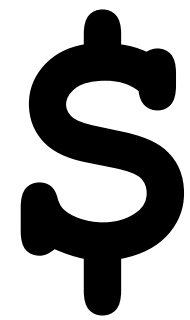
[A-C]

(ABC)

(AB) C

((AB) C)

Anchors



Tips

- Try PCfB methodology
 - copy (1 version of) target text into search dialog
 - replace text with wildcards, piece by piece
- Be as specific as possible
- Build in redundancies

Regex reference tables

Wildcards	
\w	Letters, numbers and _
.	Any character except \n \r
\d	Numerical digits
\t	Tab
\r	Return character. Also used as the generic end-of-line character in TextWrangler
\n	Line-feed character. Also used as the generic end-of-line character in Notepad++
\s	Space, tab, or end of line
[A-Z]	A single character of the ranges indicated in square brackets
[^A-Z]	A single character including all characters not in the brackets. Note that this will include \n unless otherwise specified, and may cause you to match across lines
\	Used to escape punctuation characters so they are searched for as themselves, not interpreted as wildcards or special symbols
\\	The \ symbol itself, escaped
Boundaries	
^	Match the start of the line, i.e., the position before the first character
\$	Match the last position before the end-of-line character

Quantifiers, used in combination with characters and wildcards	
+	Look for the longest possible match of one or more occurrences of the character, wildcard, or bracketed character range immediately preceding. The match will extend as far as it can while still allowing the entire expression to match.
*	As above, matches as many of the previous character to occur, but allows for the character not to occur at all if the match still succeeds
?	Modifies greediness of + or * to match the shortest possible match instead of longest
{}	Specify a range of numbers to repeat the match of the previous character. For example: \d{2,4} matches between 2 and 4 digits in a row [AC]{4,} matches 4 or more of the letter A or C in a row
Capturing and replacing	
()	Capture the search results between the parentheses for use in the replacement term
\1 \$1	Substitute the contents of the matched into the replacement term, in numerical order. Syntax depends on the text editor or language that you are using.

<http://practicalcomputing.org>

http://practicalcomputing.org/files/PCfB_Appendices.pdf