

Computational Thinking with Programming

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Overview

- Each data type can represent a certain set of values, and each had a set of associated operations.
- The traditional programming view is that data is passive it's manipulated and combined with active operations.
- Modern computer programs are built using an object-oriented approach.
- Most applications you're familiar with have Graphical User Interfaces (GUI) that provide windows, icons, buttons and menus. These were provided as classes to the programmer they did NOT have to write everything from scratch to make an interface.
- This is why people like OOP the details can be ignored, the objects do things for you!

Graphical User Interfaces

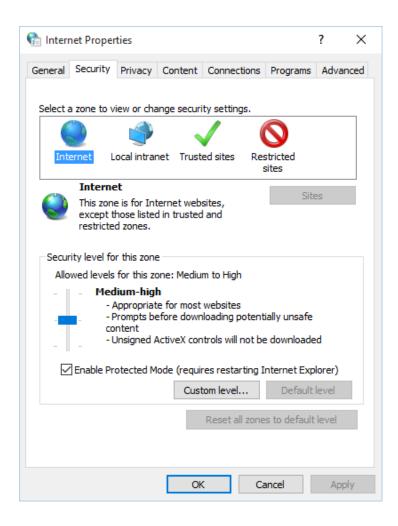
- <u>User Interface</u>: the part of the computer with which the user interacts
- Command line interface: displays a prompt and the user types a command that is then executed
- Graphical User Interface (GUI): allows users to interact with a program through graphical elements on the screen

Graphical User Interfaces (cont'd.)

• A command line interface

Graphical User Interfaces (cont'd.)

- <u>Dialog boxes</u>: small windows that display information and allow the user to perform actions
 - Responsible for most of the interaction through GUI
 - User interacts with graphical elements such as icons, buttons, and slider bars



GUI Programs Are Event-Driven

- In text-based environments, programs determine the order in which things happen
 - The user can only enter data in the order requested by the program
- GUI environment is event-driven
 - The user determines the order in which things happen
 - User causes events to take place and the program responds to the events

Overview

- A commonly used graphics library for Python is named Tkinter. This is not a simple package to use!
- The author of a popular Python book (Zelle) wrote a library "on top of" Tkinter, to make it easier to use. It's called graphics.py
 - C:\Python32\Lib\site-packages\graphics.py
- This chapter uses the graphics.py library supplied with the supplemental materials.
- Two locations you can put the file
 - In Python's Lib\site-packages directory with other libraries
 - In the same folder as your graphics program

- Since this is a library, we need to import the graphics commands
 >>> from graphics import *
- A *graphics window* is a place on the screen where the graphics will appear.

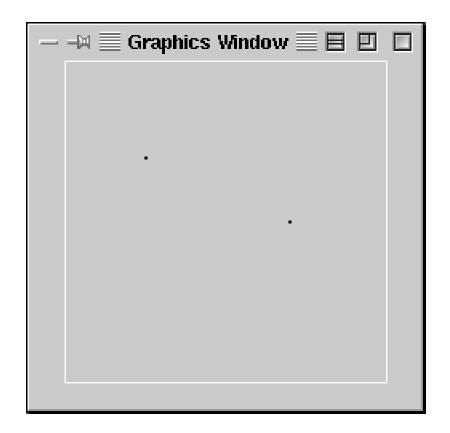
```
>>> win = GraphWin()
```

This command creates a new window titled "Graphics Window." You use the name win to refer to the window

- A graphics window is a collection of points called *pixels* (picture elements).
- The default GraphWin is 200 pixels tall by 200 pixels wide (40,000 pixels total).
- One way to get pictures into the window is one pixel at a time, which would be tedious. The graphics routine has a number of predefined routines to draw geometric shapes.

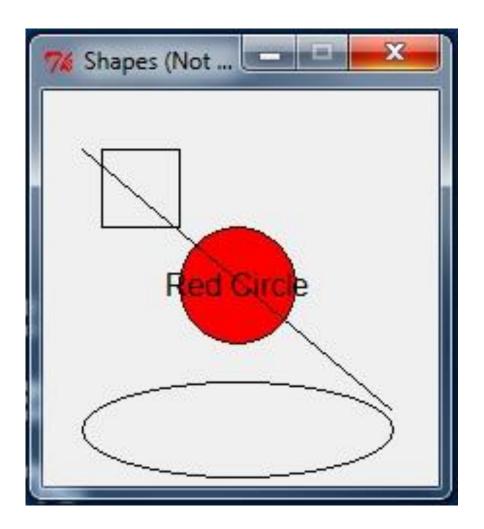
- The simplest object is the Point. Like points in geometry, point locations are represented with a coordinate system (x, y), where x is the horizontal location of the point and y is the vertical location.
- The origin (0,0) in a graphics window is the upper left corner.
- X values increase from right to left, y values from top to bottom.
- Lower right corner is (199, 199)

```
>>> p = Point(50, 60)
>>> p.getX()
50
>>> p.getY()
60
>>> win = GraphWin()
>>> p.draw(win)
>>> p2 = Point(140, 100)
>>> p2.draw(win)
```



Graphics Example

```
from graphics import *
def main():
  win = GraphWin('Shapes')
  center = Point(100, 100)
  circ = Circle(center, 30)
  circ.setFill('red')
  circ.draw(win)
  label = Text(center, "Red Circle")
  label.draw(win)
  rect = Rectangle(Point(30, 30), Point(70, 70))
  rect.draw(win)
  line = Line(Point(20, 30), Point(180, 165))
  line.draw(win)
  oval = Oval(Point(20, 150), Point(180, 199))
  oval.draw(win)
main()
```



- Computation is performed by asking an object to carry out one of its operations.
- In the previous example we manipulated GraphWin, Point, Circle, Oval, Line, Text and Rectangle. These are examples of *classes*.
- Each object is an *instance* of some class, and the *class* describes the properties of the instance.
- If we say that Augie is a dog, we are actually saying that Augie is a specific individual in the larger *class* of all dogs. Augie is an *instance* of the dog class.

 To create a new instance of a class, we use a special operation called a constructor.

```
<class-name>(<arg1>, <arg2>, ...)
```

- <class-name> is the name of the class we want to create a new instance of, e.g. Circle or Point.
- The arguments are required to initialize the object. For example, Point requires two numeric values. p = Point(50, 100)

- To perform an operation on an object, we send the object a message.
 The set of messages an object responds to are called the *methods* of the object.
- Methods are functions that live inside the object.
- Methods are invoked using dot-notation:

```
<object>.<method-name>(<arg1>, <arg2>, ...)
```

- p.getX() and p.getY() returns the x and y values of the point. Routines like these are referred to as accessors because they allow us to access information from the object.
- Other methods change the state of the object
- p.move (dx, dy) moves the object p dx units in the x direction and dy units in the y direction.
- move erases the old image and draws it in its new position. Methods that change the state of an object are called *mutators*.

```
>>> circ = Circle(Point(100, 100), 30)
>>> win = GraphWin()
>>> circ.draw(win)
```

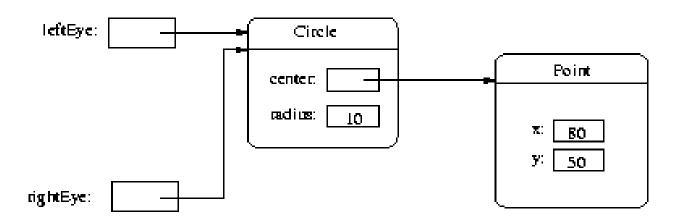
- The first line creates a circle with radius 30 centered at (100,100).
- We used the Point constructor to create a location for the center of the circle.
- The last line is a request to the Circle object circ to draw itself onto the GraphWin object win.

 It's possible for two different variables to refer to the same object changes made to the object through one variable will be visible to the other.

```
>>> leftEye = Circle(Point(80,50), 5)
>>> leftEye.setFill('yellow')
>>> leftEye.setOutline('red')
>>> rightEye = leftEye
>>> rightEye.move(20,0)
```

• The idea is to create the left eye and copy that to the right eye which gets moved 20 units.

- The assignment rightEye = leftEye makes rightEye and leftEye refer to the same circle!
- The situation where two variables refer to the same object is called *aliasing*.



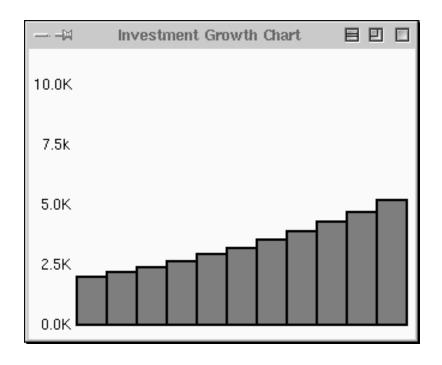
- There are two ways to get around this.
- We could make two separate circles, one for each eye:

```
>>> leftEye = Circle(Point(80, 50), 5)
>>> leftEye.setFill('yellow')
>>> leftEye.setOutline('red')
>>> rightEye = Circle(Point(100, 50), 5)
>>> rightEye.setFill('yellow')
>>> rightEye.setOutline('red')
```

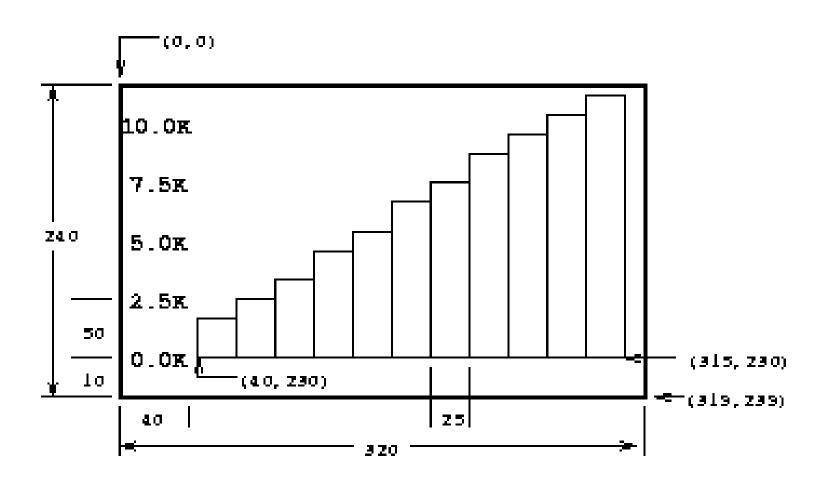
 The graphics library has a better solution. Graphical objects have a clone method that will make a copy of the object!

```
>>> # Better way to create two circles, using clone
>>> leftEye = Circle(Point(80, 50), 5)
>>> leftEye.setFill('yellow')
>>> leftEye.setOutline('red')
>>> rightEye = leftEye.clone() # rightEye is an exact copy of the left
>>> rightEye.move(20, 0)
```

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Interactive Graphics

- In a GUI environment, users typically interact with their applications by clicking on buttons, choosing items from menus, and typing information into on-screen text boxes.
- Event-driven programming draws interface elements (widgets) on the screen and then waits for the user to do something.
- An event is generated whenever a user moves the mouse, clicks the mouse, or types a key on the keyboard.
- An event is an object that encapsulates information about what just happened!
- The event object is sent to the appropriate part of the program to be processed, for example, a button event.
- The graphics module hides the underlying, low-level window management and provides two simple ways to get user input in a GraphWin.

Getting Mouse Clicks

- We can get graphical information from the user via the getMouse method of the GraphWin class.
- When getMouse is invoked on a GraphWin, the program pauses and waits for the user to click the mouse somewhere in the window.
- The spot where the user clicked is returned as a Point.
- The following code reports the coordinates of a mouse click:

```
from graphics import *
win = GraphWin("Click Me!")
p = win.getMouse()
print("You clicked", p.getX(), p.getY())
```

• We can use the accessors like getX and getY or other methods on the point returned.

Getting Mouse Clicks

```
# triangle.pyw
# Interactive graphics program to draw a triangle
from graphics import *
def main():
    win = GraphWin("Draw a Triangle")
    win.setCoords(0.0, 0.0, 10.0, 10.0)
    message = Text(Point(5, 0.5), "Click on three points")
    message.draw(win)
    # Get and draw three vertices of triangle
    p1 = win.getMouse()
    pl.draw(win)
    p2 = win.getMouse()
    p2.draw(win)
    p3 = win.getMouse()
    p3.draw(win)
```

```
# Use Polygon object to draw the triangle
    triangle = Polygon(p1,p2,p3)
    triangle.setFill("peachpuff")
    triangle.setOutline("cyan")
    triangle.draw(win)

# Wait for another click to exit
    message.setText("Click anywhere to quit.")
    win.getMouse()
```

main()



Getting Mouse Clicks

Notes:

- If you are programming in a windows environment, using the .pyw extension on your file will cause the Python shell window to not display when you double-click the program icon.
- There is no triangle class. Rather, we use the general polygon class, which takes any number of points and connects them into a closed shape.
- Once you have three points, creating a triangle polygon is easy: triangle = Polygon(p1, p2, p3)
- A single text object is created and drawn near the beginning of the program.

 message = Text(Point(5,0.5), "Click on three points")

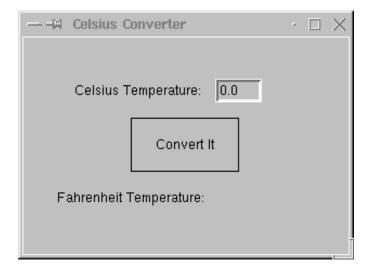
 message.draw(win)
- To change the prompt, just change the text to be displayed.

 message.setText("Click anywhere to quit."

• The triangle program's input was done completely through mouse clicks. There's also an Entry object that can get keyboard input.

• The Entry object draws a box on the screen that can contain text. It understands setText and getText, with one difference that the

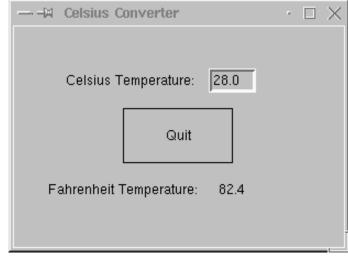
input can be edited.



```
# convert gui.pyw
# Program to convert Celsius to Fahrenheit using a simple
    graphical interface.
from graphics import *
def main():
    win = GraphWin("Celsius Converter", 300, 200)
    win.setCoords(0.0, 0.0, 3.0, 4.0)
    # Draw the interface
    Text(Point(1,3), " Celsius Temperature:").draw(win)
    Text(Point(1,1), "Fahrenheit Temperature:").draw(win)
    input = Entry(Point(2,3), 5)
    input.setText("0.0")
    input.draw(win)
    output = Text(Point(2,1),"")
    output.draw(win)
    button = Text(Point(1.5, 2.0), "Convert It")
    button.draw(win)
    Rectangle (Point (1, 1.5), Point (2, 2.5)).draw (win)
```

```
# wait for a mouse click
win.getMouse()
# convert input
celsius = float(input.getText())
fahrenheit = 9.0/5.0 * celsius + 32
# display output and change button
output.setText(fahrenheit)
button.setText("Quit")
# wait for click and then quit
win.getMouse()
win.close()
```

main()



- When run, this program produces a window with an entry box for typing in the Celsius temperature and a button to "do" the conversion.
 - The button is for show only! We are just waiting for a mouse click anywhere in the window.
- Initially, the input entry box is set to contain "0.0".
- The user can delete this value and type in another value.
- The program pauses until the user clicks the mouse we don't care where so we don't store the point!

- The input is processed in three steps:
 - The value entered is converted into a number with float.
 - This number is converted to degrees Fahrenheit.
 - This number is then converted to a string and formatted for display in the output text area.

Thank You