CPSC 103 - Systematic Program Design

Module 02 (HtDF) Day 1

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Reminders

- Wed: Module 1 (Intro): Code Review
- Wed: Module 1 (Intro): Tutorial Submission
- this Wed-Fri: Module 2 Tutorial Attendance
- Mon: Module 3: Pre-Lecture Assignment
- Mon: Module 2 (HtDF): Worksheet

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Exam practice exercises - by module

After each module: self-assess and practice for exams at https://canvas.ubc.ca/courses/123409/pages/extra-exercises-written

Designed to help you assess your exam preparation. For a more accurate assessment:

- · practice on paper, to better simulate exam conditions
- · practice without distractions and interruptions
- · time yourself
- do not use any notes or other resources that would not be available during the real exam
- · only check the solution when you are done with all the exercises

Module learning goals

At the end of this module, you will be able to:

- use the How to Design Functions (HtDF) recipe to design functions that operate on primitive data.
- read a complete function design and identify its different elements.
- · evaluate the elements of a function design for clarity, simplicity, and consistency with each other.
- evaluate an entire design for how well it solves the given problem.
- explain the intended purpose of the HtDF recipe's steps in a way that generalizes to other design problems.

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- "That is very warm" if temp > 30,
- "That is warm" if temp is in the range [20,30] (inclusive),
- "That is cool", otherwise.

Which of the following is correct, assuming temp has been assigned some numerical value?

(A)

```
out = "That is "
if temp > 30:
    out = out + "very "
elif temp >= 20:
    out = out + "warm"
else:
    out = out + "cool"
out
```

(B)

```
out = "That is "
if temp > 30:
    out = out + "very "
if temp >= 20:
    out = out + "warm"
else:
    out = out + "cool"
out
```

(C) Both

(D) Neither

► i Hint (for your review after class)

In []: 1

2

About good programming

...programming differs from good programming like crayon sketches in a diner from oil paintings in a museum.

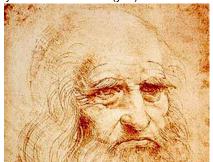
- How to Design Programs, Second Edition





After this course...

Maybe you won't be like him (yet!)...



...but you could be like them!







How to Design Functions (HtDF) recipe

The HtDF recipe consists of the following steps:

- 1. Write the stub, including signature and purpose
- 2. Define examples
- 3. Write the template
- 4. Implement the function body
- 5. Test and debug until correct



Step 1 Write the Stub, including signature and purpose

Stub - a temporary placeholder for some yet-to-be-developed code

Three substeps to write the stub:

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- 1a. Signature
- 1b. Purpose
- 1c. Stub return

Step 1a: Signature

Defines the **input type(s) and output type** for your function. It is also when you give a **name** to your function and to the parameters. Names should be **all lower case**, with underscore ($_$) separating words.

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Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

In []:

2

▶ ■ Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ②)

Aside: @typecheck

```
In [ ]: 1 help(typecheck)
2 3
```

We will annotate every function we define with @typecheck . Let's start with our example function above.

Step 1b: Purpose

The purpose statement describes what the function will return. It is written in triple quotes at the top of a function's body and documents the function.

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Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

```
In [ ]: 1 2
```

▶ i Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ⊕)

Aside: Docstrings

- Triple quotes denote a multiline string, a string that can contain linebreaks
- · Just a literal string. Expression is evaluated but discarded
- · When placed immediately below a function definition, treated as documentation or docstring

Example:

Note that I could also have written the documentation in a comment (# ...). But then help would not have displayed it.

We will write a purpose statement inside a docstring at the top of every function we define.

Step 1c: Stub return

The stub must return a value of the right type. It doesn't need to be correct, any value from the right type will do The stub return must also be commented as such, with # stub.

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Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

```
In [ ]: 1 2
```

▶ i Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ⓒ)

We will add a stub return to every function we define.

Step 2 Define Examples

Write at least one example of a call to the function and the result that the function is expected to return.

We will use the following notation (using functions from the cs103 library) to write our examples:

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```
return 0 # stub
start_testing()
expect( ... , ... ) # an example
expect( ... , ... ) # another example
summary()
```

Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

```
In [ ]:
```

1

i Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn 🙂)

We will add test cases to cover all conditions we can think of for every function we define.

Step 3 Write the Template

Comment out the body of the stub and copy the body of the template from the data definition to the function design. In case there is no data definition, just copy all parameters.

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Data definition

We'll learn about data definition later in the course. So the instructions above may not make much sense to you yet. For now, we'll "just copy all parameters".

We want you to get in the habit of writing a template. It will become very useful later.

Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

In []:

1

▶ i Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn (9)

We will write a function template for every function we define.

Aside: Ellipsis (. . .)

Ellipsis (. . .) can be used as a placeholder for future code. Skipped over when run. Useful for testing.

Step 4 Implement the function body

Complete the function body by filling in the template, note that you have a lot of information written already. Remember to comment out the template.

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Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

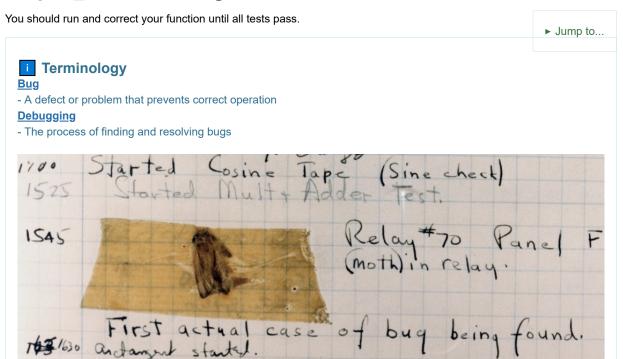
In []: 1 2

Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ①)



You may wonder why we've written the stub and template, only to comment them out immediately. The reasons have to do with good program design and will become clear later in the course.

Step 5 Test and debug until correct



Moth found trapped in the Mark II Aiken Relay Calculator while it was being tested, 1947. The operators affixed the moth to the computer log, with the entry: "First actual case of bug being found". (The term "debugging" already existed.)

Example: Design a program that returns the double of a given number.

```
In []: 1 2
```

▶ **i** Sample program with bug for testing (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ⊜)

Questions from the pre-lecture assignment

- 1. What exactly is the difference between the stub and the template? What do you put in a stub return vs a template return?
- Answer:
- 2. What is the benefit of using the HtDF recipe as opposed to just defining functions the way we learned to in Module 1? Do programmers use this recipe while working/will we find use for the recipe outside of this class?
- Answer:

Exercise: is_palindrome (similar to Pre-Lecture Assignment)

Problem: Design a function that takes a string and determines whether it is a palindrome or not. (A palindrome is a word or phrase that reads the same backwards and forwards - e.g., "level".)

The first step of our HtDF recipe have already been completed below (with two possible purposes included):

- 1. Done: Write the Stub, including signature and purpose
- 2. TODO: Define Examples
- 3. TODO: Write the **T**emplate
- 4. TODO: Implement the function body
- 5. TODO: $\underline{\mathbf{T}}$ est and debug until correct

Step 1: Write the Stub

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▶ Next



```
In [ ]:
         1 # Design is_palindrome function here
         3 @typecheck
            def is_palindrome(word: str) -> bool:
         4
                # Should the purpose be...?
         5
         6
         7
                return True if the word is a palindrome, and False otherwise
         8
                # or...?
         9
        10
                return True if the word meets our requirements
        11
        12
        13
                return True # stub
        14
        15 # Starting point for any set of tests/examples:
        16 start_testing()
        17
            expect(..., ...)
        18 summary()
        19
        20
```

▶ i Sample solution (For later. Don't peek if you want to learn ⊕)

Now that is_palindrome has been designed and tested, we can use it!

```
In []: 1 # Write a call to is_palindrome here
2
3
```

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How are you doing? Any trouble keeping up?

- A. 💪 Easy-peasy... you can go faster
- B. 👍 Yup, I got this
- C. 2 I might have missed a bit here or there
- D. (2) Hmm, something's not working right
- E.

 I have no idea what's going on