

```
In [ ]: # You must run this cell once before you run any of the other cells in this file

# Needed (once per notebook) to enable incredible cs103 powers!!
from cs103 import *
```

CPSC 103 - Systematic Program Design

Module 01 Day 2

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Reminders

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

See your Canvas calendar (<https://canvas.ubc.ca/calendar>) for details.

Module 1: Learning Goals

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

- Write statements that operate on primitive data including numbers, strings and booleans.
 - Write variable definitions and function definitions.
 - Write out the step-by-step evaluation of simple statements including function calls.
 - Use Jupyter notebooks to run Python code.
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Exercise 1

Try these for yourself in the code cell below:

- put 10 in variable `a`
- put 66 in variable `y`
- copy value stored in `y` to `x`
- evaluate `x > y`

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

Exercise 2

- put "y" in variable `x`
- test if `y` is equal to `x`

Note that `y` exists because we ran the cell above. Check what happens if you restart the notebook and run this cell first.

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Exercise 3

1. Put your name in a variable `name` .
2. Test if `name` is greater than " Rik".

Questions

1. What happens if you forget the quotes around your name? Why?
2. What does it mean for one string to be greater than another?
3. Is your name greater than " Rik"? Why or why not?

For the values associated to each character, you can look up an [ASCII table](#).

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iClicker question

We'll use functions next. Before we dive in, though, what is a *function* in Python?

- A. A collection of related data
- B. A loop that repeats a set of instructions
- C. A conditional statement that runs depending on certain conditions
- D. A variable that stores a value
- E. A set of instructions that performs a specific task

►  Hint (for your review after class)

Date facts


Let's check some fun facts that happened on a date. We will use the the API <https://numbersapi.com/>. Think of an API a way for us to communicate with another computer to get the information we need.

First, we have to `import` the `date_fact` library, that contains the code to use the API:

```
In [ ]: # This indicates we are going to use some code from the date_fact.py file
        from date_fact import *
```

File extensions `.py` vs `.ipynb`

If you look into your Syzygy directory, you will notice the files `date_fact.py` and `module01-day2.ipynb` (the latter is this file that we are looking at).

The extension `.ipynb` means that the file is a Jupyter notebook. Notebooks have cells which can be formatted in fancy ways (such as code or markdown) and executed in Jupyter (press [Shift]-[Enter] or the  Run toolbar button). These are the files that you will be using for most work in the course.

The extension `.py` means that the file contains only Python code. You can still open the file in Syzygy to read, edit or add to the code, but you cannot create cells or run the code directly. Instead, you will typically `import` these files into your Jupyter notebooks; for example, as we did in the cell above for `date_fact.py`.

Function signatures

To use any supplied function we need to know its *signature*, or its...

- name,
- arguments, and
- return value.

The code inside the file `date_fact.py` gives us the following functions:

- `get_date_fact(month: int, day: int) -> str`
- `get_number_fact(number: int) -> str`
- `get_year_fact(year: int) -> str`

```
In [ ]: # Get some trivia from the year you were born!

# First, take a look at the names of the functions. Out of the three
# functions listed above, which one do you think we should use?

# Now, look at the signature of the function you have chosen.
# What kind of information does it ask for (hint: what parameters are listed
# in the signature)?

# Try to call (i.e., use) the function!
get_year_fact(2000)
```

Include the year

Notice how the output from the function does not include the year. The argument does not necessarily need to be included in the output of a function.

Without changing the function itself, let's change the cell's output to display a sentence that also states the year, like

```
In 2000, ...
```




```
In [ ]: "In 1990, " + get_year_fact(1990) + "."
```

Changing things up

What happens if we want to find facts from another year?

Is there an easier way to change the value of the year without having to remember all the places the year appeared in?

Mixing data types

- Recall, we've seen a few different primitive types: `int` , `float` , and `str`
- Different types don't always mix:
 -  `1 + 1` \Rightarrow `2`
 -  `'1' + '1'` \Rightarrow `'11'`
 -  `'1' + 1` \Rightarrow Syntax error
- You might find the `str` function useful. It converts a number into a string

```
In [ ]: year = 2000
```

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# Rewrite your expression above so that it uses the variable `year`
```

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

What happened on your date of birth?

Write some code to find an event that happened on your birth date (month and day). Follow the same steps as before.

1. Take a look at the names of the functions. Out of the three functions [listed above](#), which one should we use?
2. Take a look at the signature. What pieces of information is the function asking for? What kinds of data types are they?
3. Try to call the function!

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In [ ]:
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Include the month and day

Now, try to include information about your date of birth before the fun fact in a sentence! For example, if your birthday was on *September 16* and the fact produced for this particular day is

```
'the Cape Verde Islands, Mozambique, and Sao Tome and Principe join the  
United Nations'
```

then your code should produce

```
'On 9/16 the Cape Verde Islands, Mozambique, and Sao Tome and Principe  
join the United Nations.'
```

Can you do this in a way that makes it easy for us to change the values for the birth month and day?

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Improving on greatness

Let's make the output better.

Instead of using numbers to describe a month, let's use the month's abbreviated (3- or 4-letter) name. For example, instead of '9/16' let's write 'Sept 16'.

For this task we'll use the `if/elif/else` statement, first introduced in question 16 of the Module 1 (Intro) worksheet, due on Monday.

ⓘ elif keyword

The Python keyword `elif` stands for "else if" – it only gets checked if none of the previous condition(s) were `True`.



iClicker question: if/elif

Consider the program to the right. What does it produce when it is run?

- A. "Initial value"
- B. "Bigger than zero!"
- C. "Bigger than minus 10."
- D. "Very small!"
- E. Something else

```
output = "Initial value"
number = -23
if number > 0:
    output = "Bigger than zero!"
elif number > -10:
    output = "Bigger than minus 10."
elif number > -20:
    output = "Very small!"
output
```

▶ Hint (for your review after class)

```
In [ ]: # Enter your birth date (month and day)
month = 9
day = 16

# Construct a sentence that reports your birth date
# with the name of the month and a fact about that day.
```

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

How to handle invalid data?

What if the user enters an invalid number for the month (not 1..12)? How should we handle that case?

Let's go back up to the code cell above and revise our code to handle this special case.

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

Swapping variables

Let's get more familiar with how variables store data. In Computer Science we often need to swap the contents of two variables, x and y . So, after the swap, x now holds what was originally in y , and vice versa.

How can we do that?



iClicker question: Swapping

Let's say we begin with two variables assigned values $x = 5$ and $y = 10$. Which of the following programs will successfully swap the variables so their final values are $x = 10$ and $y = 5$? Select **ALL** that apply. [iClicker: Change poll type to Multiple Answer]

(A)

```
x = y  
y = x
```

(B)

```
oldx = x  
oldy = y  
x = oldy  
y = oldx
```

(C)

```
oldx = x  
x = y  
y = oldx
```

(D)

```
oldx = x  
y = oldx  
x = y
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Writing your own functions

So far, we have learned that functions are pretty great!

- Code re-use: They allow us to perform an action without having to rewrite the code every time
- Abstraction: We can use other people's functions without knowing how they work, just what arguments they need and what they return

Naturally, you will want to be able to write your own functions.

Checking the sign

Problem: Check if a number is positive or negative.

Steps:

1. Assign a number to a new variable.
2. Create a blank string variable `output`.
3. Fill the `output` with text that indicates whether `number` is positive or negative.
4. Display the contents of `output`.

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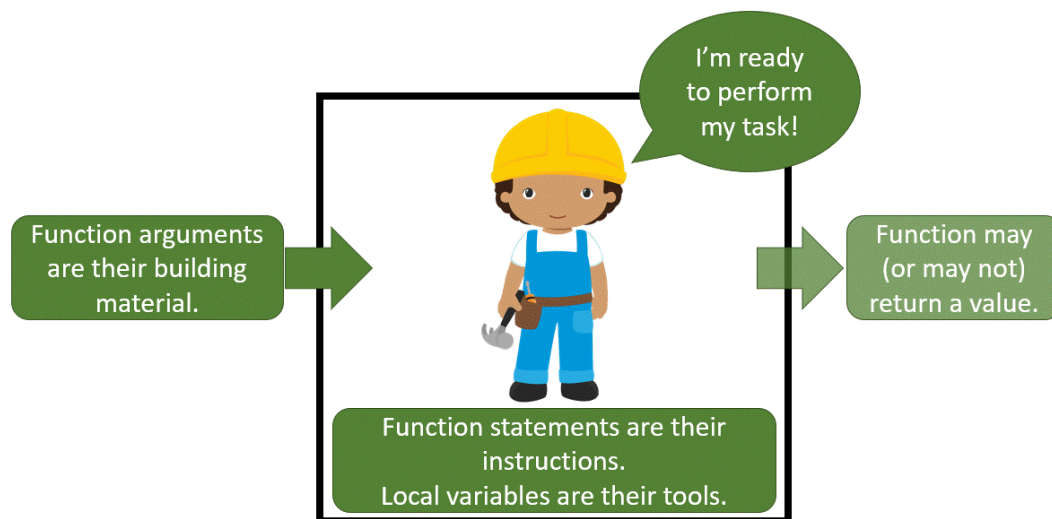
Special cases

You should always consider special cases you might need to handle.

Are there any special cases for this problem? How should we handle them? Let's implement that in our code, above.

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

Let's do it again, but make a function



Here is another way to think about functions

Checking the sign (refactored)

Problem: Check if a number is positive or negative.

Task:

Write a function that:

1. Takes a number as an argument.
2. Creates a local string variable `output` .
3. Fills the `output` with text that indicates whether `number` is positive or negative.
4. Returns the contents of `output` .

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Things to notice

- The statements contained within the function (its *body*) are all indented.
 - The argument type (`int`) and function return type (`str`) aren't required here. But we'll require them later so we're introducing them here.
 - How could we rewrite the function so that it doesn't need the local variable `output` ?
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Now, test our function by calling it with a few different numbers (or variables).

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iClicker question

Imagine you want to write a function to compute how many one-Litre cans of paint are needed to paint a wall. Which of the following are good arguments for this function? Select **ALL** that apply.

- A. Height of the wall
- B. Width of the wall
- C. Thickness of the wall
- D. Size of a can
- E. Number of cans needed

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`C.` def repeat_string_once2(string):
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      return new_s
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► Details

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In []: *# Reproduce those functions here and try calling them! (Watch your indentation!)*

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iClicker question: sqrt



Recall question 10 from the pre-class reading quiz:

```
x = 9  
sqrt(9) # a built-in math function that returns the square root of its  
input
```

What is the value of `x` after the function call? (If it helps, you can add the code to the cell below and run it.)

- A. 9
- B. 3
- C. 3.0
- D. Something else

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```
In [ ]: from math import *
```