

The way of the Program

Chapter 1

What is a Program?

- **Program** – a set of instructions (commands) given to a processor (computer)
- Instructions have a sequence
- Programmer's goal is to write a program that computer understands, and solves a specified problem.

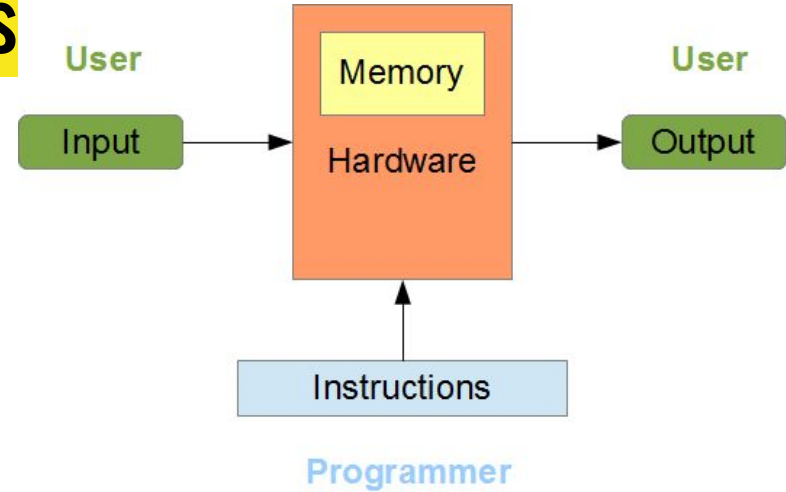
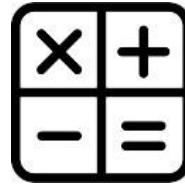
Ex:

- Solving a mathematical equation
- searching for text
- processing an image
- playing a video
- etc.



Basic Principles and Instructions

- Input / Output
- Math
- Conditional Execution
- Repetition

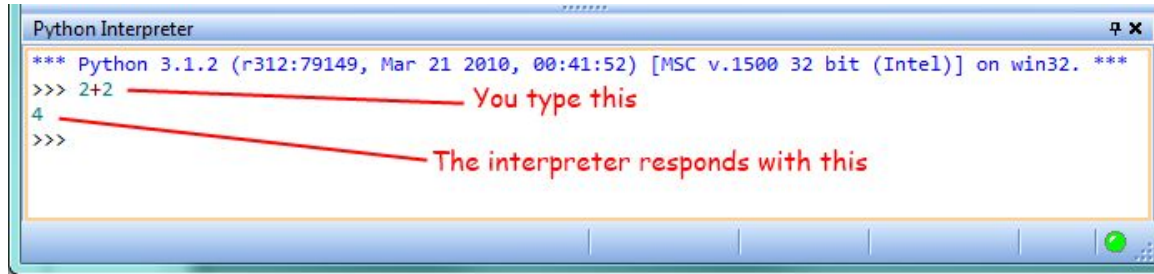


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Do
{
    Eat biscuit
    biscuits = biscuits -1
}
While (biscuits > 0);
```



Running Python

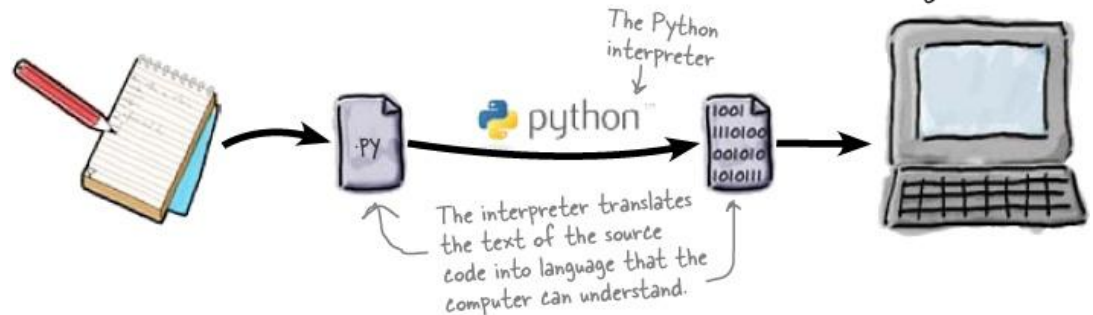
- The Python **interpreter** is a program that reads and executes Python code.



```
Python Interpreter
*** Python 3.1.2 (r312:79149, Mar 21 2010, 00:41:52) [MSC v.1500 32 bit (Intel)] on win32. ***
>>> 2+2
4
>>>
```

You type this (points to `2+2`)

The interpreter responds with this (points to `4`)



The First Program

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

- **Print statement:** displays a result on the screen
- *Print* is a function
- *Hello, World!* is the text to be displayed, and comes in quotations (‘ ‘)

Result:

```
Hello, World!
```

Arithmetic Operators

- $+$, $-$, $*$ Addition, subtraction, multiplication

- $/$ Division

```
>>> 84 / 2  
42.0
```

- $**$ Exponentiation, power

```
>>> 6**2 + 6  
42
```

Values and Types

- **Values:** *2*, *42.0*, and *'Hello, World! '*.
- **Types** (category of values): integer, floating-point number, and string.

Ex:

```
>>> type(2)
<class 'int' >
>>> type(42.0)
<class 'float' >
>>> type(' Hello, World! ' )
<class 'str' >
```

- *Class* is same as category

Debugging

- The process of tracking down **bugs** (errors), and removing (fixing) them.

