Object-Oriented Python

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Overview

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Recap of FP

Classes

Instances

Inheritance

Magic Methods

Exceptions

Recap from Last Week

Why Functional Programming?

Why avoid objects and side effects?

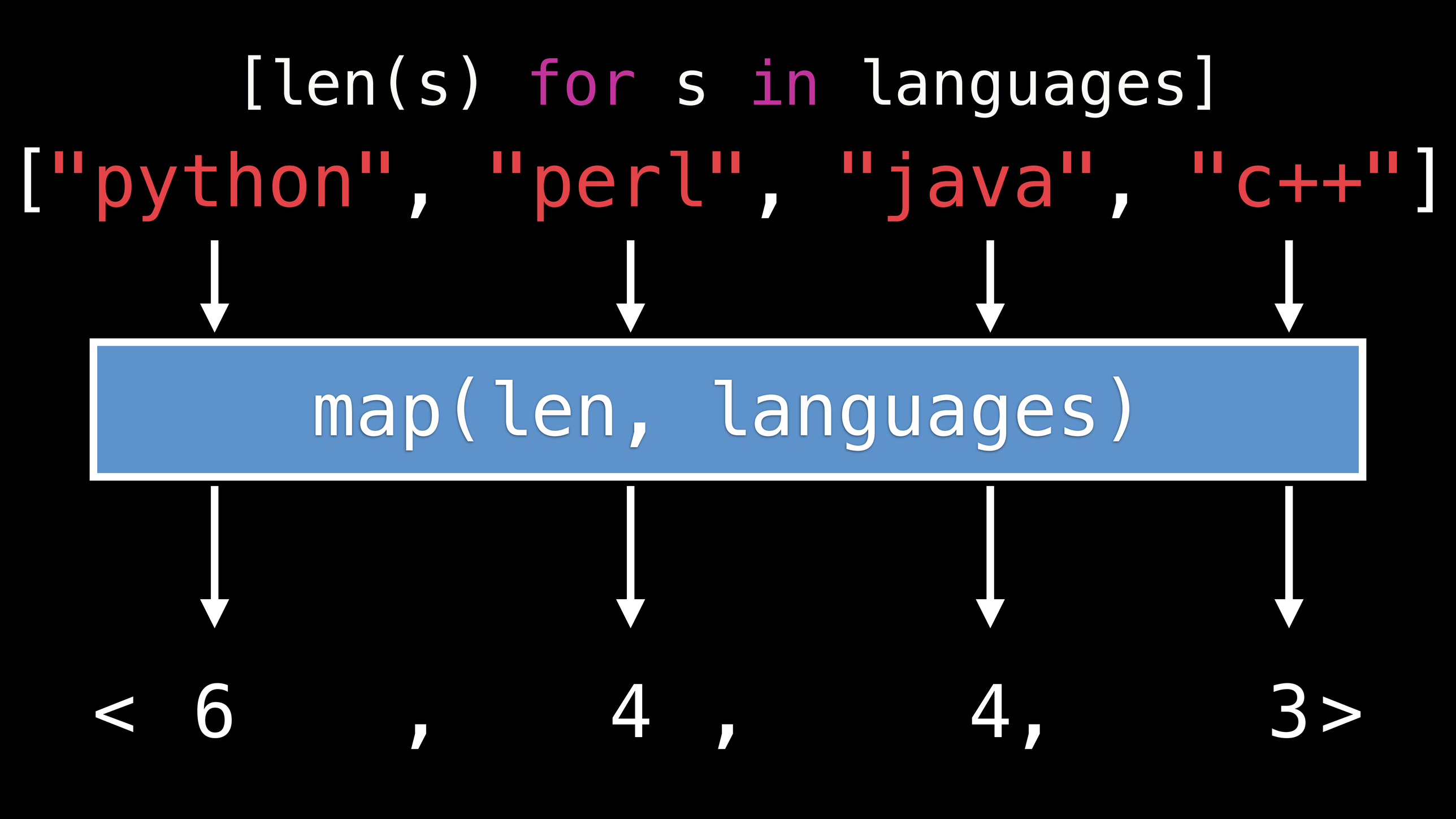
Formal Provability Line-by-line invariants

Modularity Encourages small independent functions

Composability Arrange existing functions for new goals

Easy Debugging Behavior depends only on input

Let's Get Started!


[len(s) for s in languages]
["python", "perl", "java", "c++"]
map(len, languages)
< 6 , 4 , 4, 3>

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[num for num in fibs if is_even(num)]
```

```
[1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]
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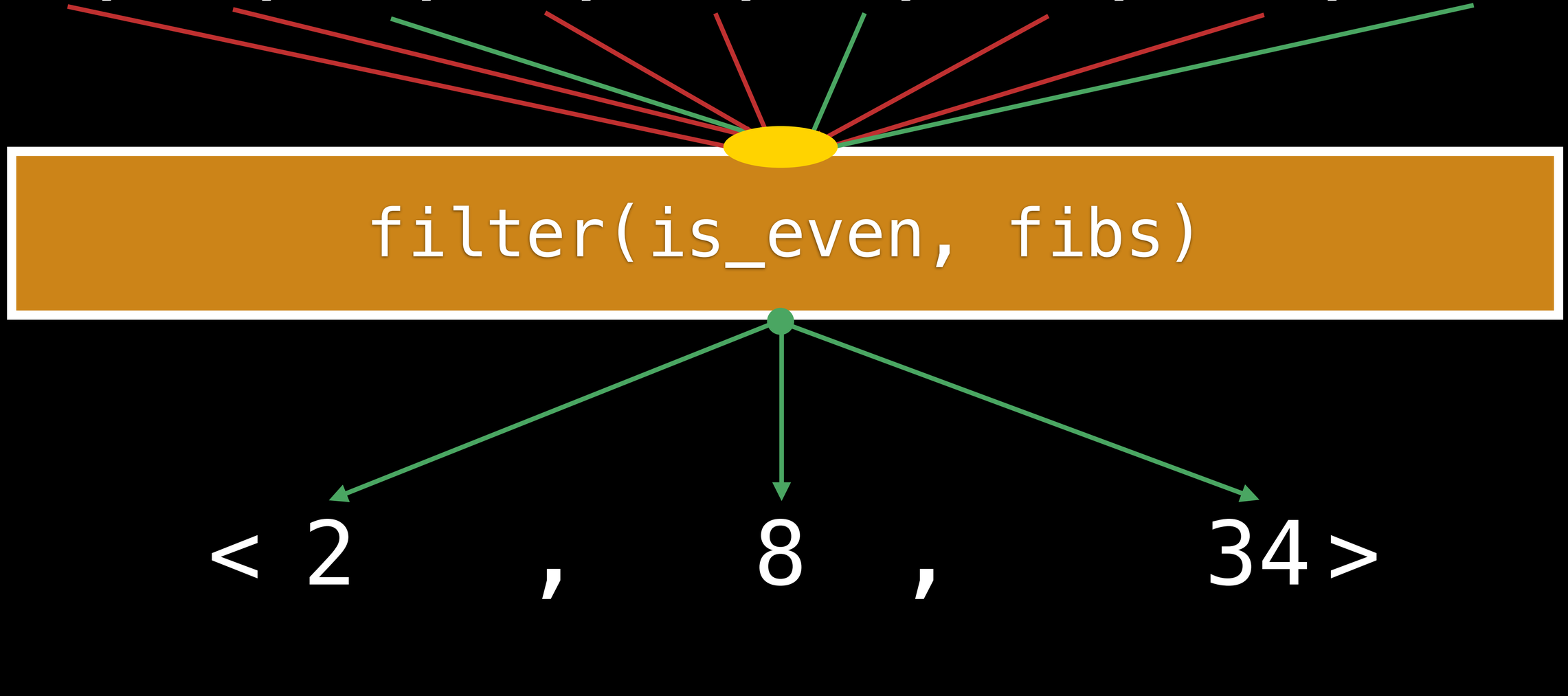

Function Definitions vs. Lambdas

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def greet():
    print("Hi!")
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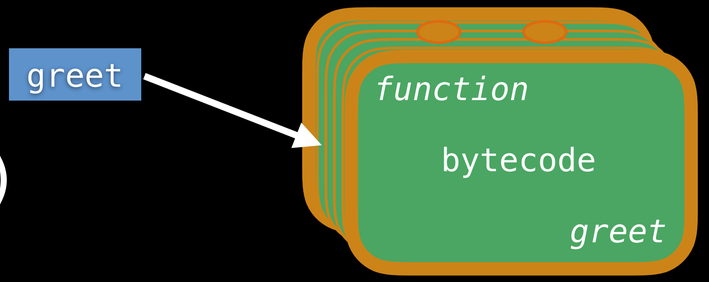

`def` binds a function object to a name

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lambda val: val ** 2
lambda x, y: x * y
lambda pair: pair[0] * pair[1]
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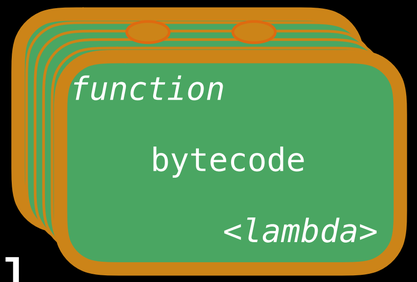

`lambda` only creates a function object

```
(lambda x: x > 3)(4)  # => True
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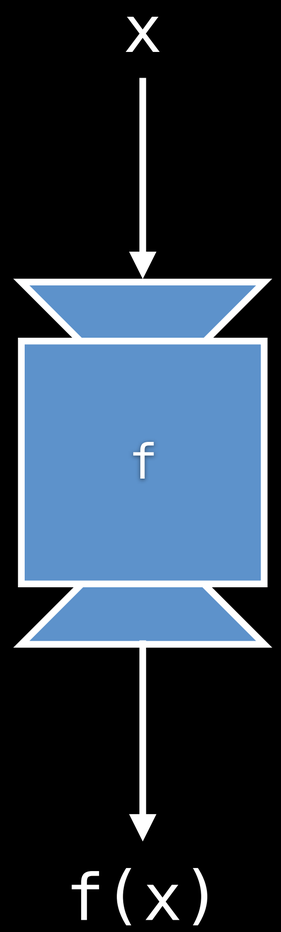

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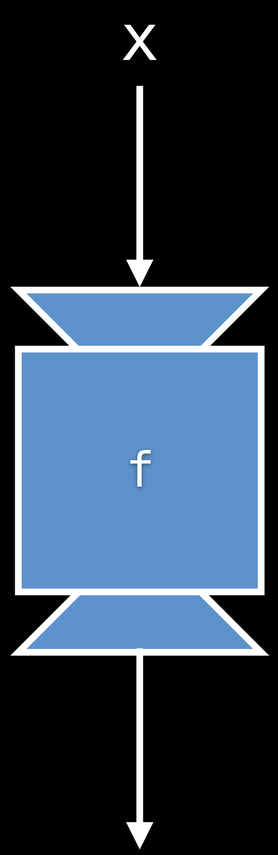

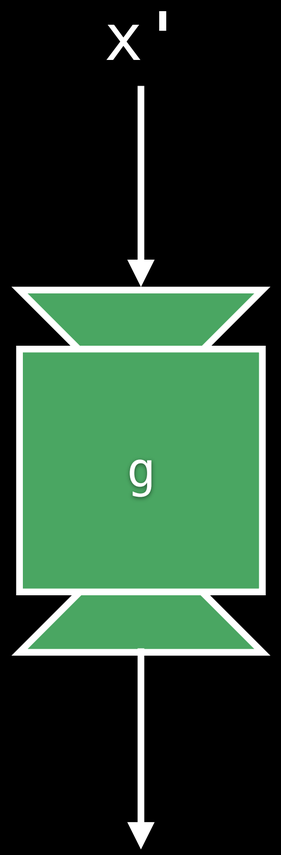

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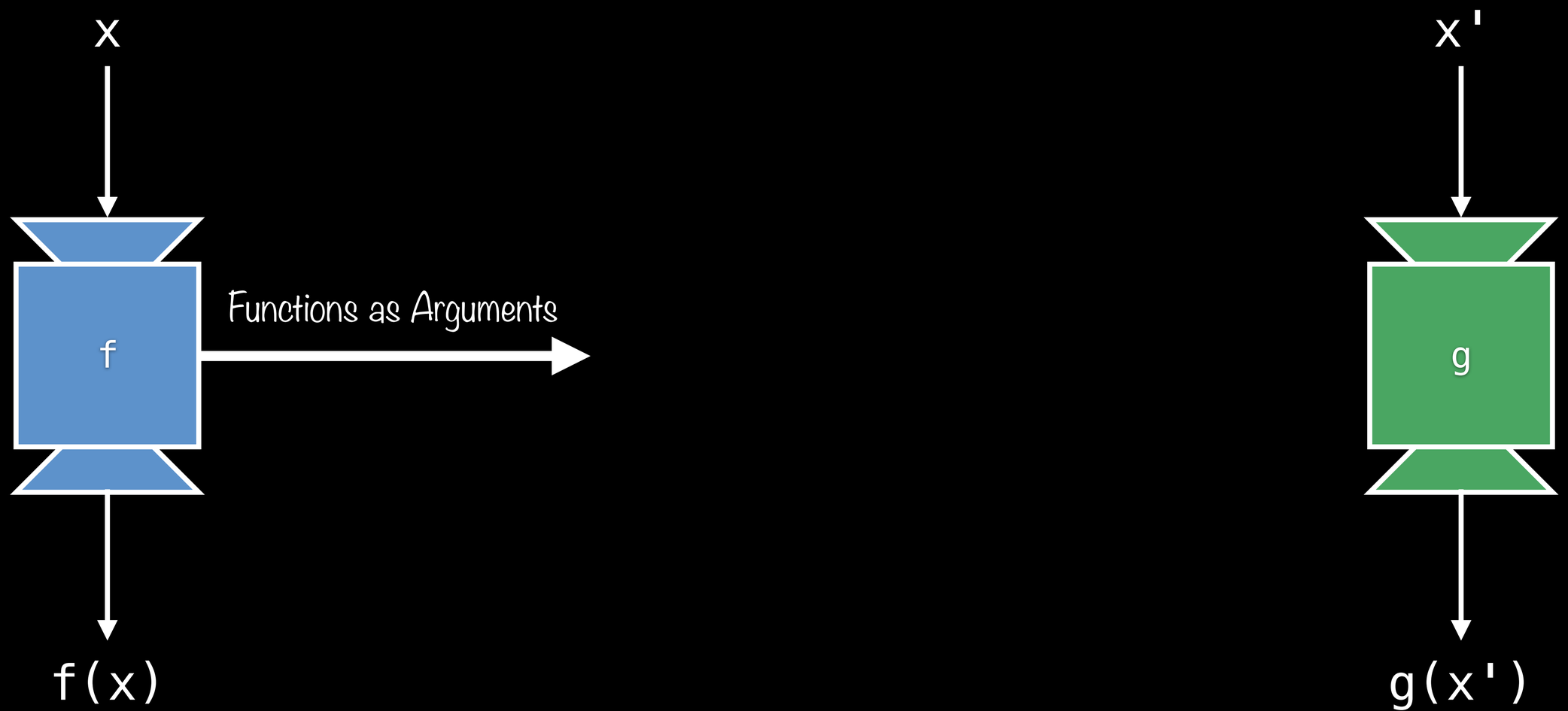

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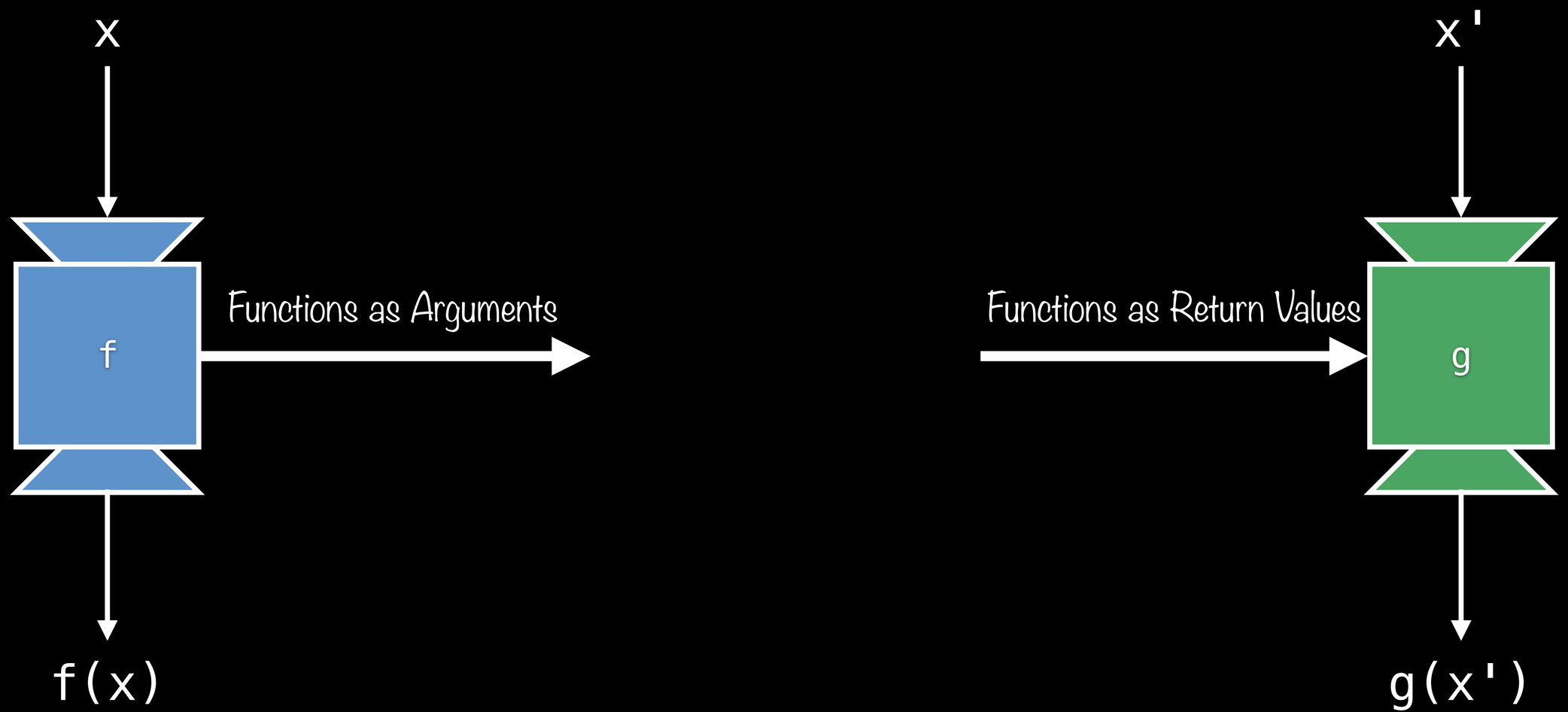
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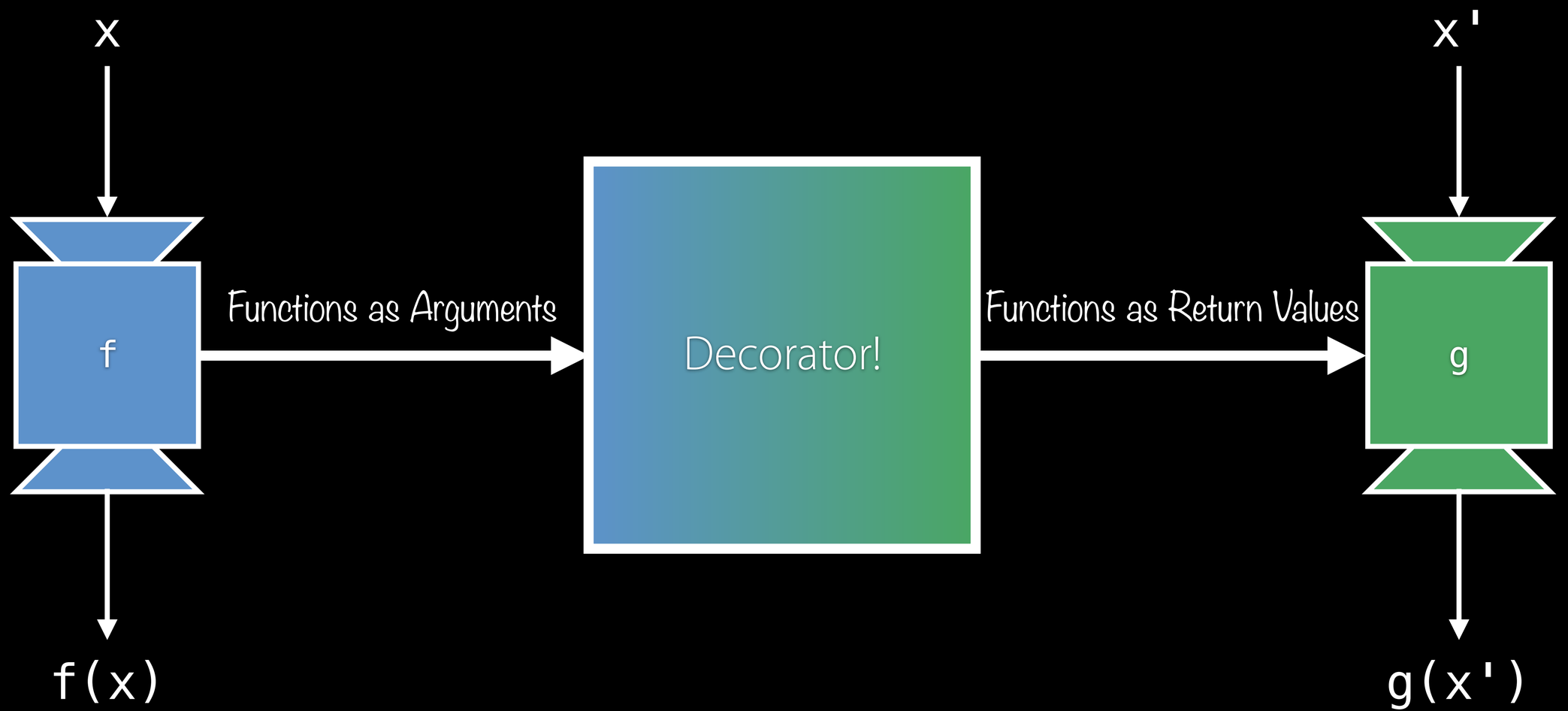
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Our First Decorator

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    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        print("Arguments:", args, kwargs)
        return function(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapper

@debug
def foo(a, b, c=1):
    return (a + b) * c
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Multi-Paradigm
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C++
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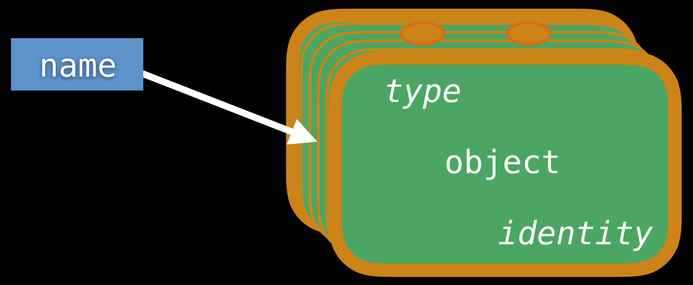

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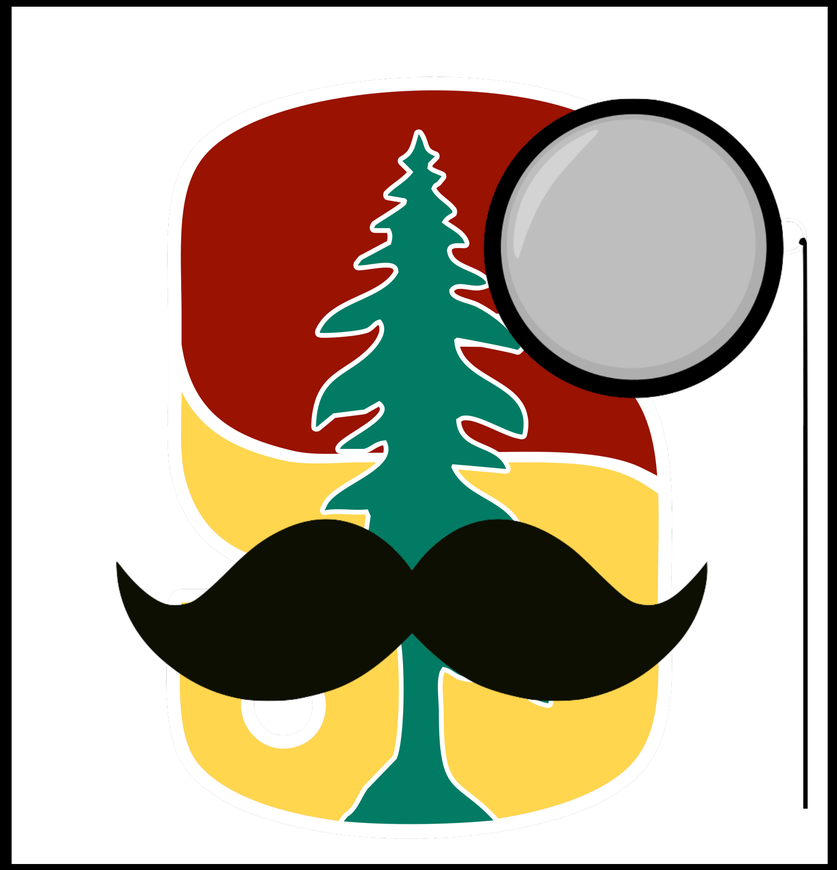

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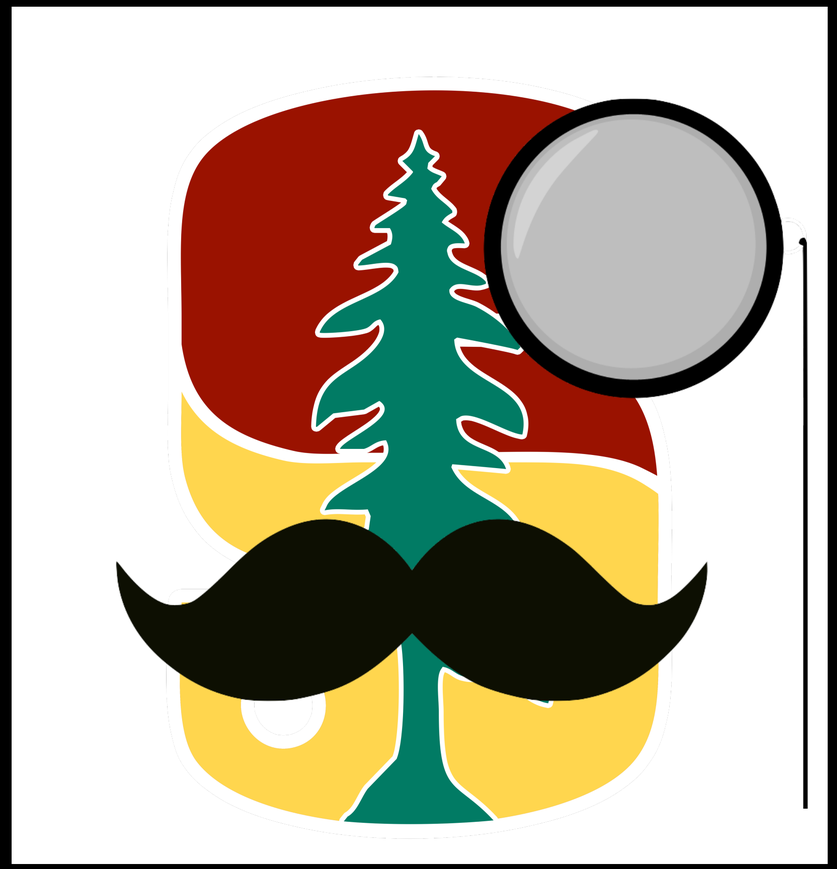

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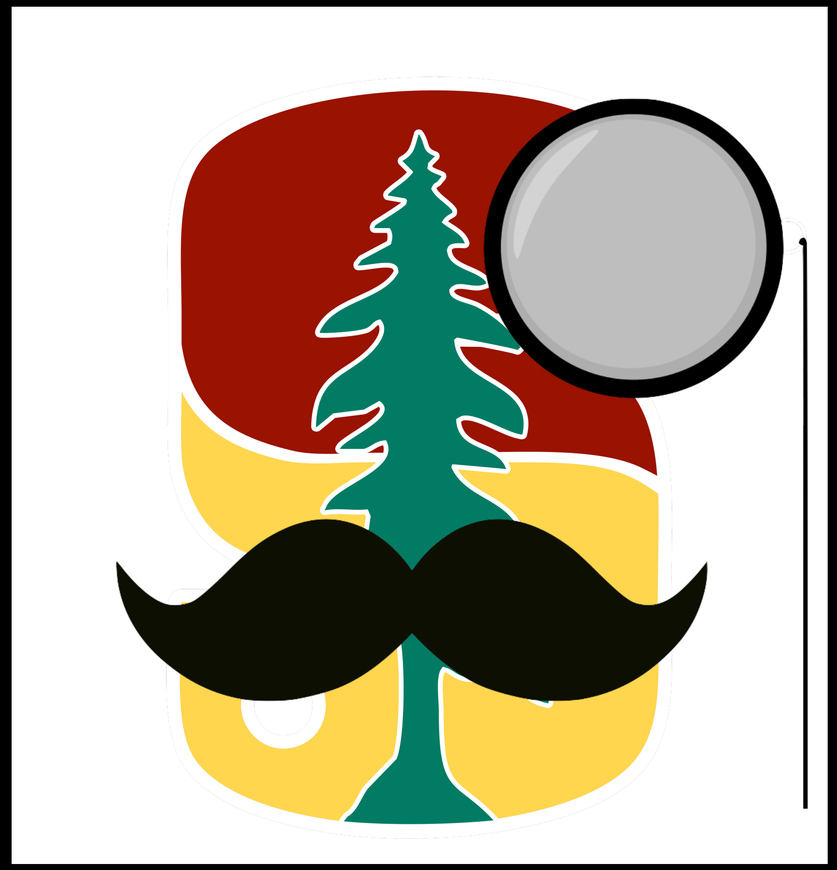

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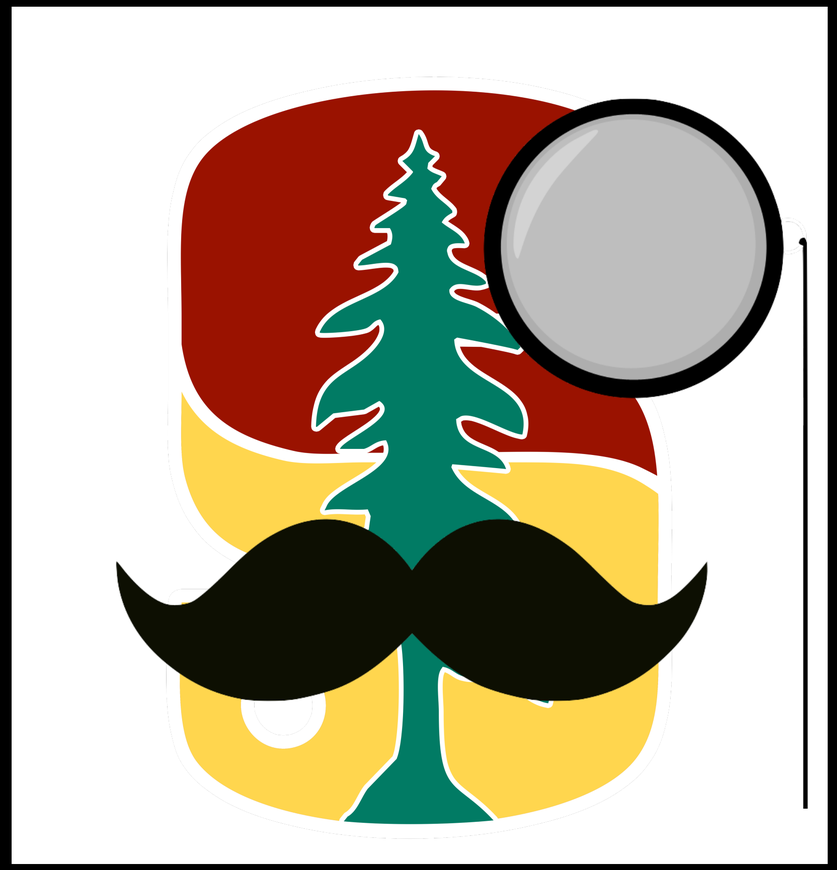

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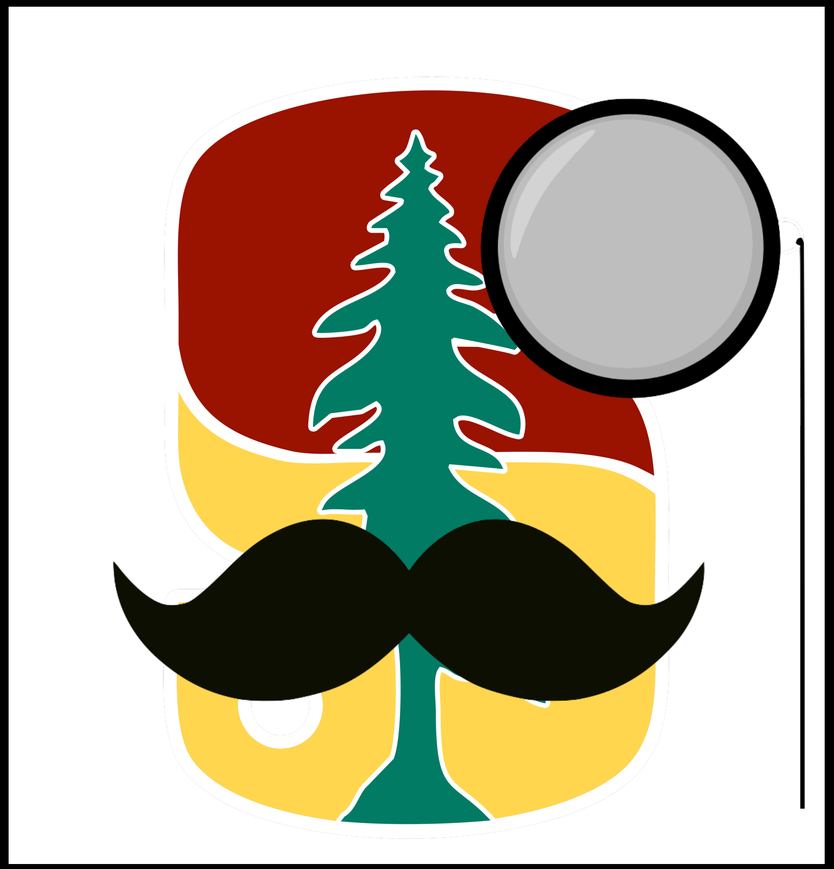

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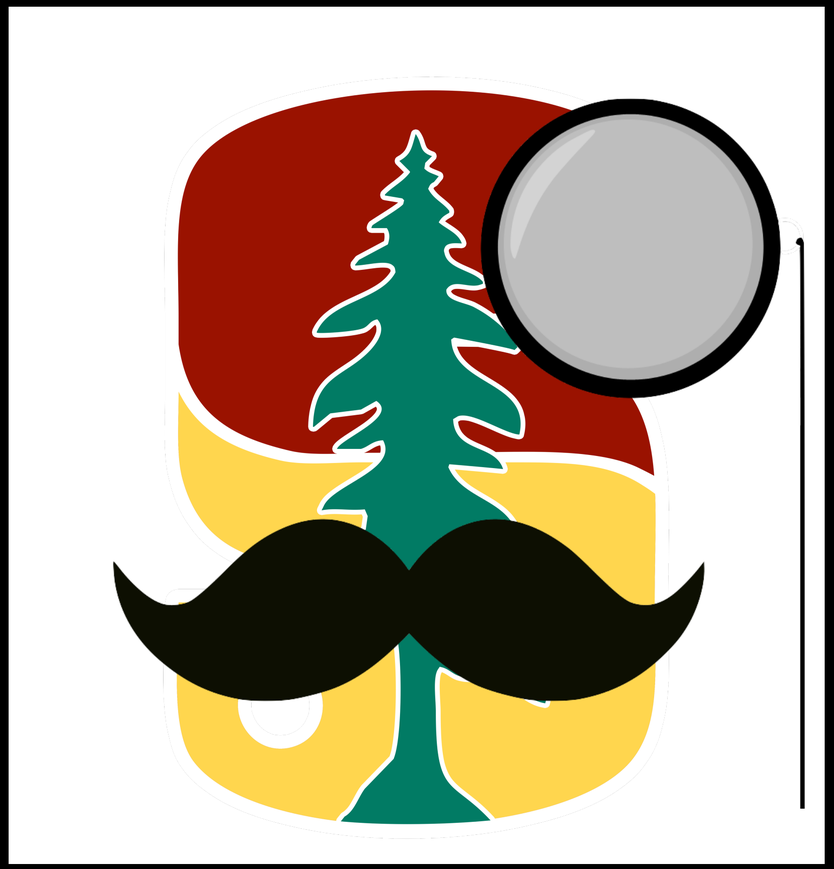

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Who says Python isn't classy?

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"Instantiating" a class constructs an instance object of that class object.
In this case, `x` is an instance object of the `MyClass` class object

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object.method(arguments) = function(object, arguments)
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Example: 

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"The Dreaded Diamond Pattern"

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- Shows linearization of base classes

Attribute Resolution In Action

```
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class B: pass
class C: pass
class D: pass
class E: pass
class K1(A, B, C): pass
class K2(D, B, E): pass
class K3(D, A): pass
class Z(K1, K2, K3): pass

Z.mro()  # [Z, K1, K2, K3, D, A, B, C, E, object]
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    def __add__(self, other): ...
    def __iter__(self): ...
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    def __getitem__(self, key): ...
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    def __eq__(self, other): ...
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Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

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OOP Case Study: Errors and Exceptions

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And More

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UnboundLocalError

SystemExit

StopIteration

SyntaxError

ZeroDivisionError

AttributeError

KeyError

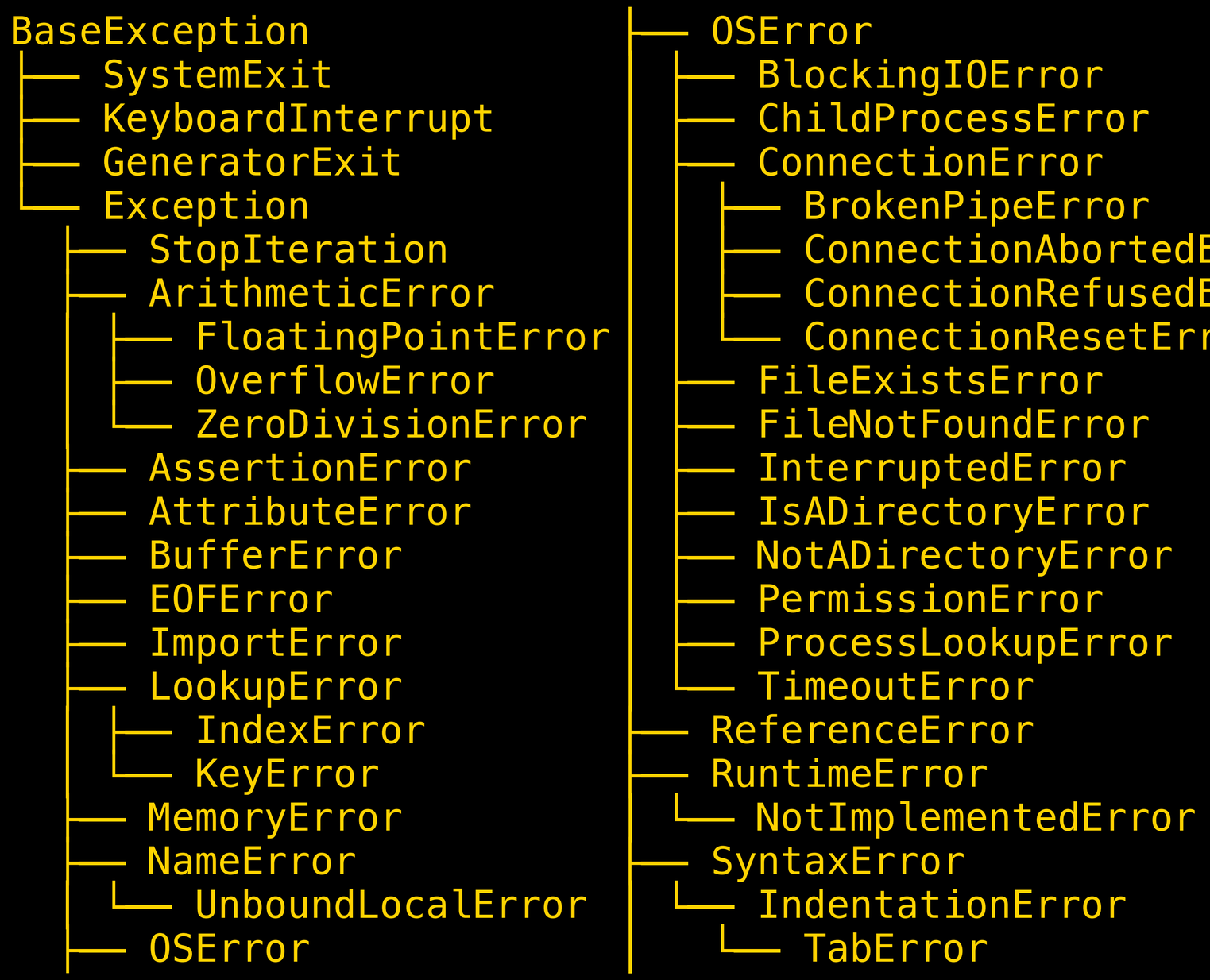
IndexError

NotImplementedError

TypeError

OSError

NameError



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Inheritance in Action!

Handling Exceptions

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Good Python:
Don't Be a Pokemon Trainer

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Why? Avoid accidentally catching an exception raised by something other than the code being protected

Example: Database Transactions

```
try:
    update_the_database()
except TransactionError:
    rollback()
    raise
else:
    commit()
```

If the commit raises an exception,
we might actually *want* to crash

Aside: Python Philosophy

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f.__enter__()
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    f.__exit__()  # Closes the file
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