

# Introduction to Computer Science:

## Programming Language Principle – Python and C

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# PL (programming language) course

- Typically covers topics

- Language concepts & Foundation

- Language constructs : sequence, loop, conditions
    - Name, Scopes, Bindings
    - Subroutine and parameter passing
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- Language implementation

- Common Tech used in compilers and interpreters

- Various Language paradigms

- Functional, Logic, OOP, Scripting

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- In this lecture, we will discuss

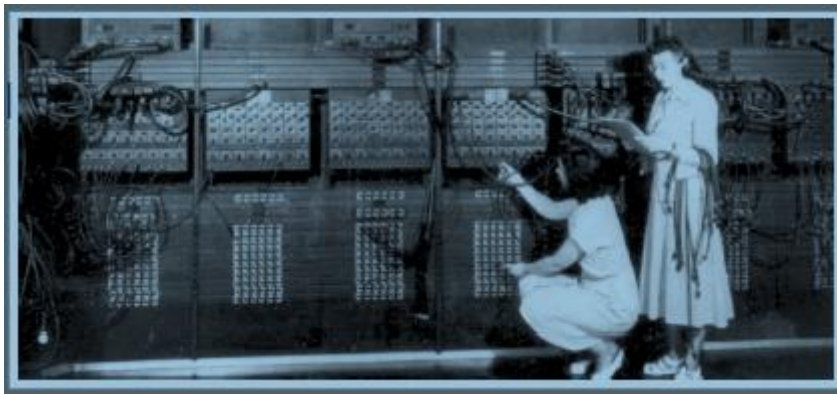
- Some of those topics above briefly using Python and C and comparing them

- *You might have some questions while you were working with Python and C this semester; why Python (or C) is designed as it is ?*

- You will learn the topics in detail later in PL course

# History of Programming language

- Early computing required rewiring for programming
  - *ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer, 1946) programed with patch cords*
  - *Movie : imitation game*
- Von Neumann : stored-program computers
  - Innovation: **program is data**
  - Program stored in core memory
  - Allowed for “rapid” reprogramming.

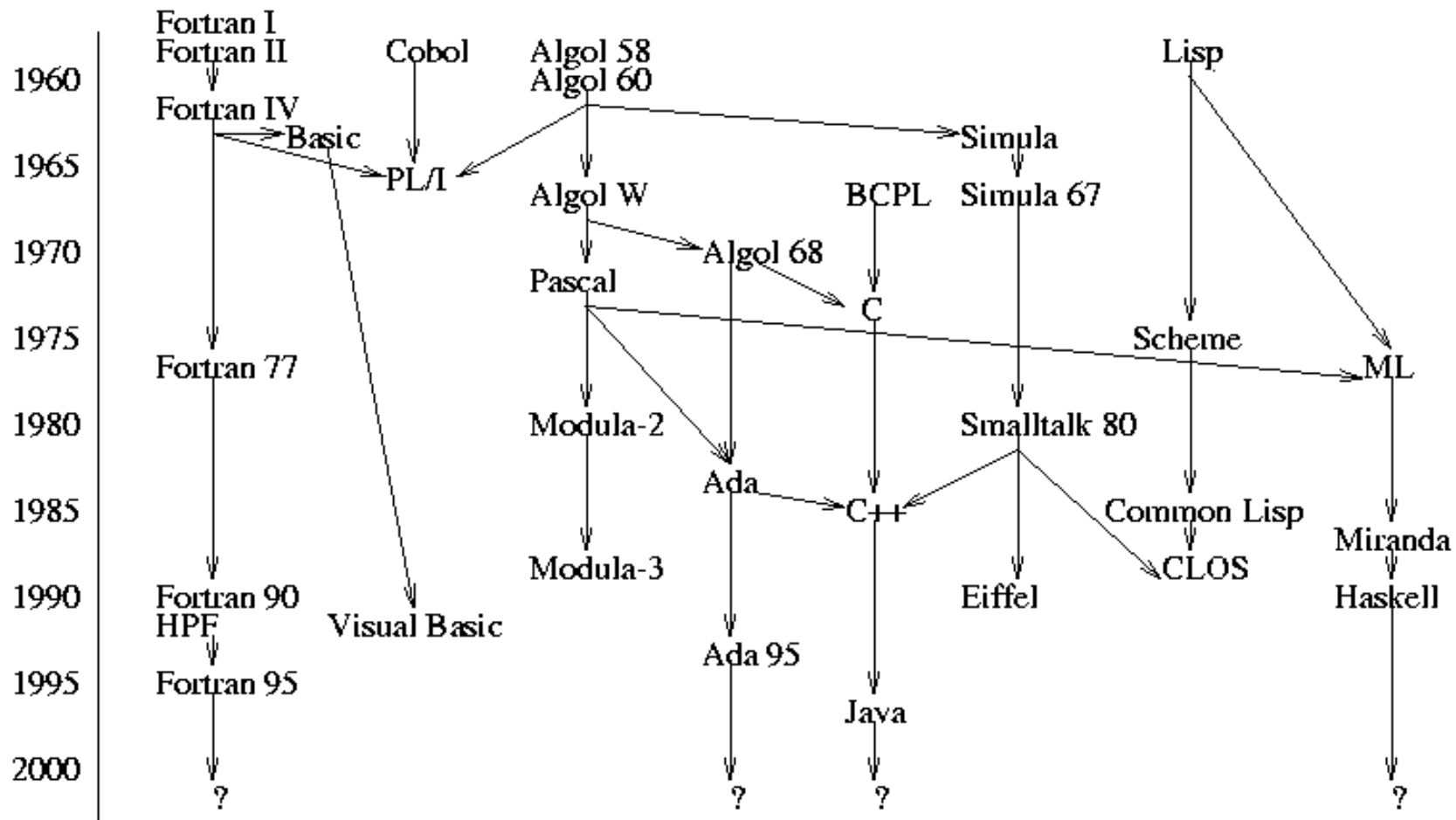


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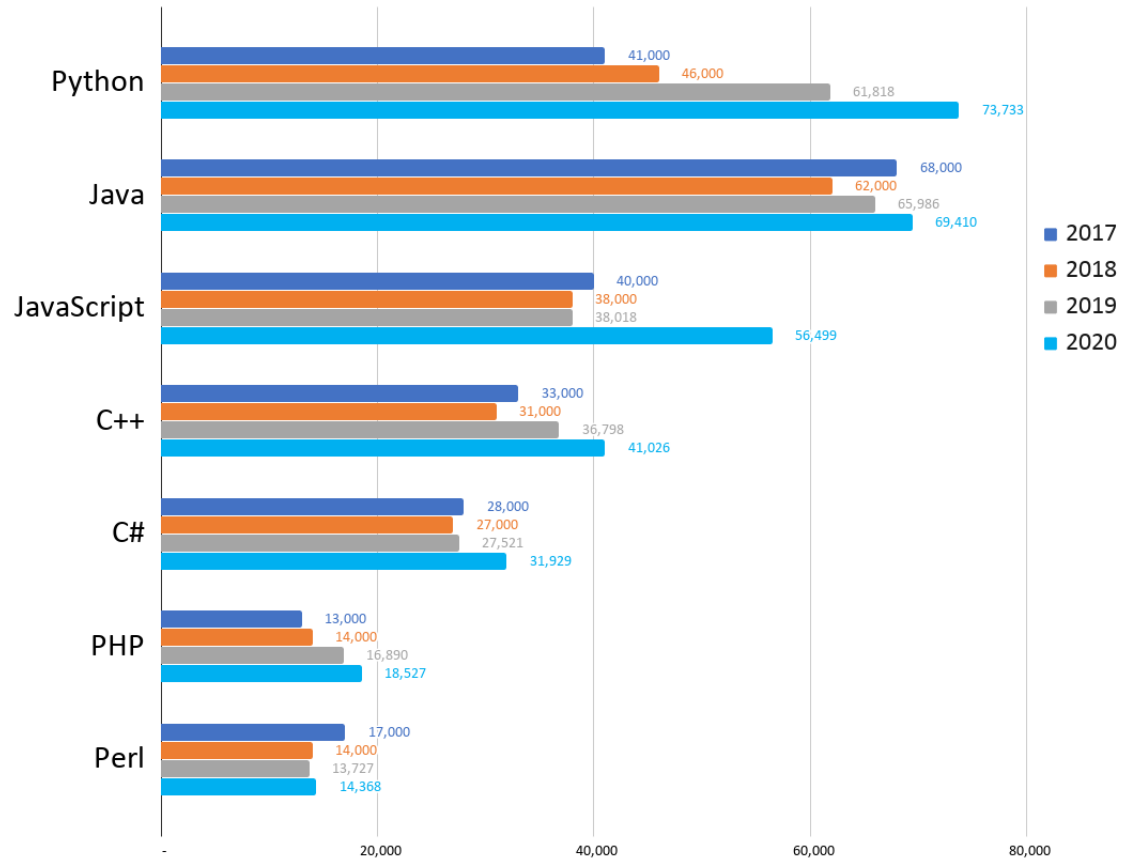
# Machine, Assembly, High level language

- Machine code
  - Sequence of binary numbers
  - Hard for humans to read and write, error-prone
- Assembly code
  - Computer transforms human-readable code into machine code
    - Assemble : mapping each line to its machine code equivalent
- High-level language
  - Assembly : still hard to read and write
    - Machine-specific, not portable
  - Desired higher-level, more human-friendly presentation
    - Machine-independent
    - Provides facilities for data and control flow abstraction
  - Translated to machine code via compiler (or interpreter)
    - Initially, slower than handwritten assembly code
    - Today, compiler generated code outperforms most human-written assembly code

```
addiu    sp,sp,-32
sw       ra,20(sp)
jal      getint
nop
jal      getint
sw       v0,28(sp)
lw       a0,28(sp)
move     v1,v0
beq      a0,v0,D
slt      at,v1,a0
A: beq    at,zero,B
nop
b        C
subu     a0,a0,v1
:
```

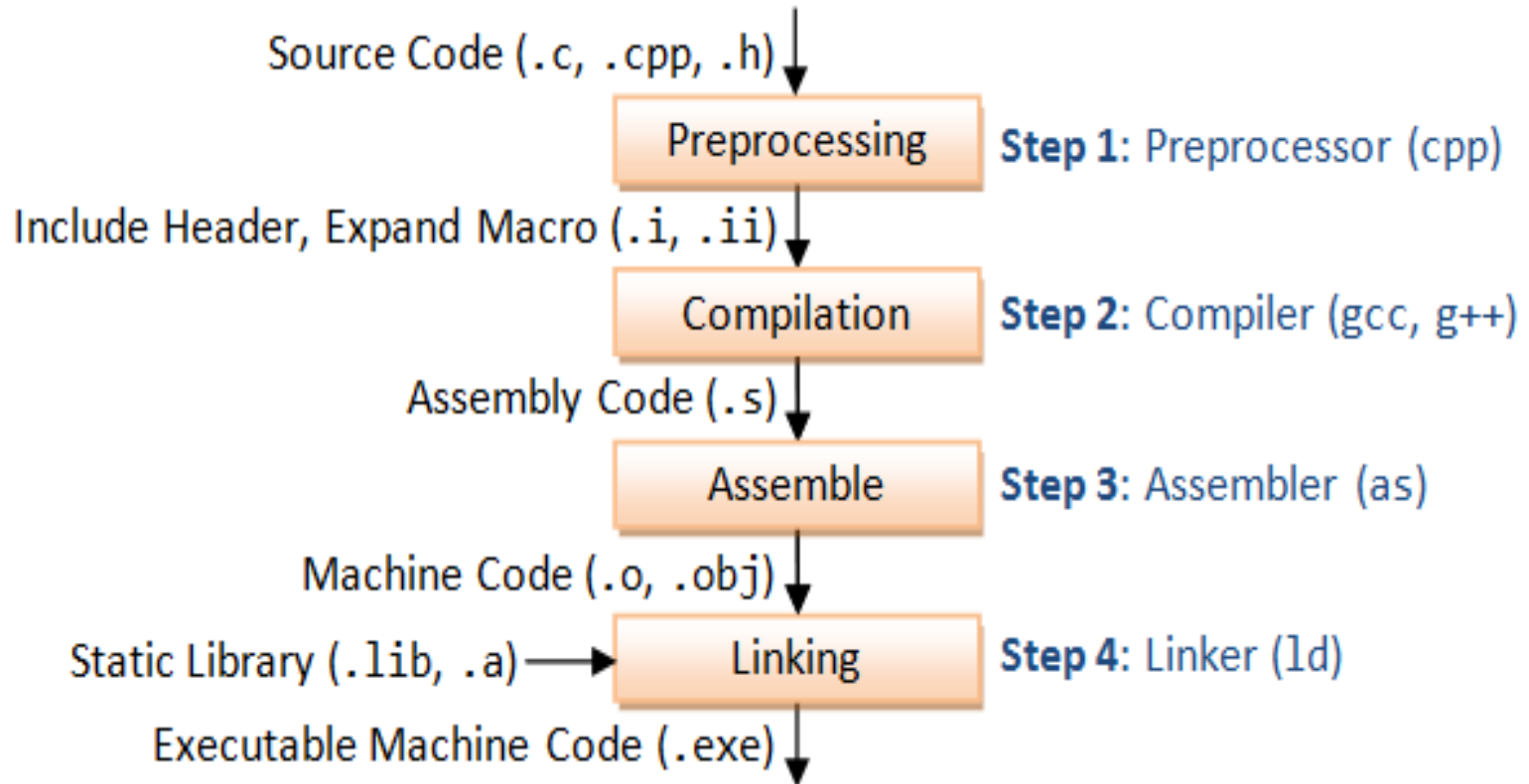


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- Python
- C/C++
- Java
- Javascript
- :
- :

# C (gcc in Linux) compilation procedure







```
hong@Ubuntu-V:~/myLec/2018.s/SP/0_hello$ objdump -d hworld.o
```

```
hworld.o:      file format elf64-x86-64
```

```
Disassembly of section .text:
```

```
0000000000000000 <main>:
```

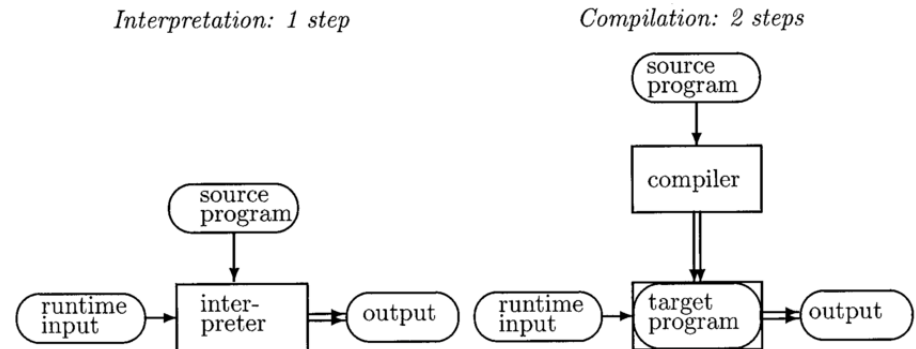
|     |                |       |              |
|-----|----------------|-------|--------------|
| 0:  | 55             | push  | %rbp         |
| 1:  | 48 89 e5       | mov   | %rsp,%rbp    |
| 4:  | bf 00 00 00 00 | mov   | \$0x0,%edi   |
| 9:  | e8 00 00 00 00 | callq | e <main+0xe> |
| e:  | b8 00 00 00 00 | mov   | \$0x0,%eax   |
| 13: | 5d             | pop   | %rbp         |
| 14: | c3             | retq  |              |

# Various language paradigms

- There are many programming languages:
  - Imperative languages : focus on **how** the computer should do
    - Procedural : **C**, Fortran, Pascal
      - Evolving from assembly; how the computer works internally
      - A program is a sequential computation that directly manipulates simple typed data (memory locations)
    - Object-oriented : C++., Java, **Python**
      - Human-inspired model; objects encapsulate all related state (data)
      - Complex problems can be decomposed
    - Scripting : **Python**, Shell, Perl
      - Focus on “developer productivity” (rapid development)
      - Could be procedural, OOP, functional, ...
  - Declarative languages : focus on **what** the computer should do
    - Functional : Lisp, Haskell
      - Mathematics-inspired model; computer job is to compute the result of applying the program (function) to the input
      - A program is defined in terms of mathematical functions
    - Logic : Prolog

# Compilation, Interpretation

- In general, a processor can only execute machine code; thus high level code should be translated for execution
  - Compilation : ahead of execution time
    - Translation occurs only once but program is executed many times
  - Interpretation : piece-wise during execution time
    - Each execution requires on-the-fly translation
  - C : requires compilation, e.g., `gcc -o helloworld helloworld.c`
  - Python : requires Interpretation



- Advantage / Disadvantage of Compilation ?
- Advantage / Disadvantage of Interpretation ?

# Compilation, Interpretation

- **Compilation :**

- Resulting program executes faster than if interpreted
- Requires code generation and detailed platform knowledge

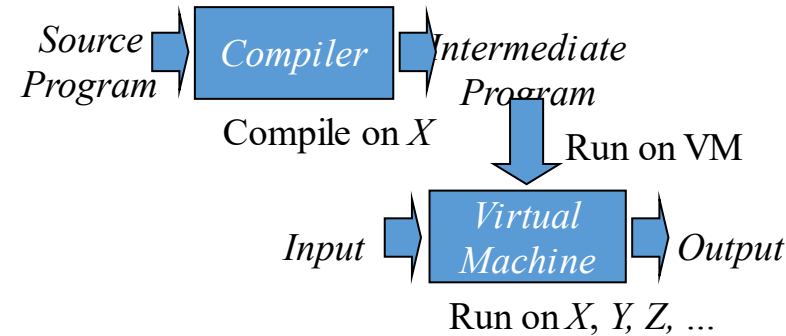
- **Interpretation :**

- Programming language can be much more flexible
- Can be portable.
- Inefficient

# Mixed Compilation and Interpretation

- **Interpreting high-level languages is usually slow**

- First compile high-level to low-level byte code
- Interpret much simpler byte code
  - Byte code is executed by **virtual machine**



- **Explicit compilation**

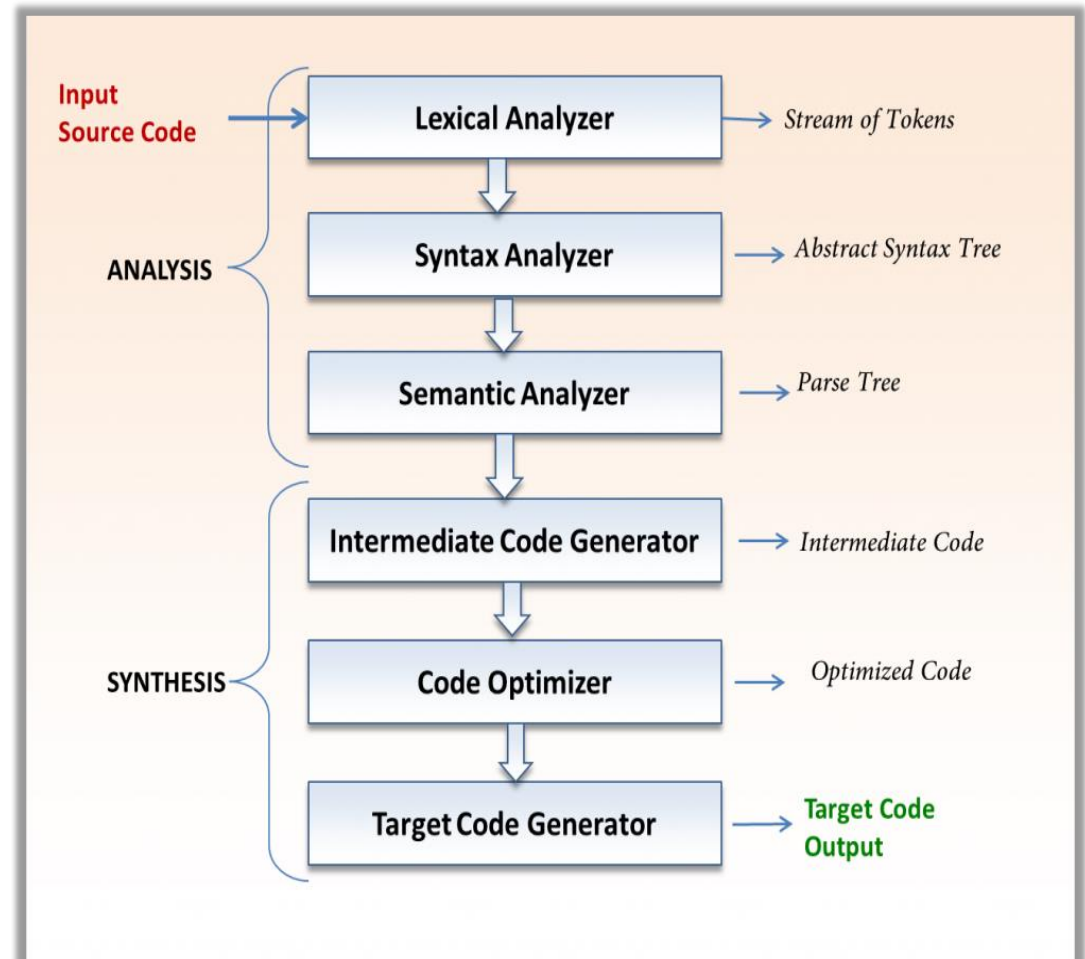
- Separate compilation step
- User is aware of byte code (e.g., Java)
  - Java : javac (compiler), JVM (virtual machine)

- **Implicit compilation**

- Tool appears as interpreter to user
- Compilation occurs “behind the scenes”
- Compilation only required once if byte code is cached (e.g., Python)

# Compilation Process

- ① Lexical analysis
- ② Syntax analysis
- ③ Semantic analysis
- ④ Intermediate code generation
- ⑤ Target code generation
- ⑥ Optimization



# Name, Binding

- Name
  - An identifier, made up of a string of characters
  - Allow us to refer entities in a program by a symbol instead of an address
  - Provide a level of abstraction in a program
    - Class (object) for data abstraction
    - Function for control abstraction
- Binding
  - Associate a name with some entity (e.g., object)
  - Binding a name to an entity resolves an abstraction
  - Binding time
    - When is a name resolved ? (e.g., compilation time, run time)
    - Static vs Dynamic (late) binding
  - Polymorphism
    - A name can be bound to more than one entity



# Name, Binding

- Python : bind a name to an object using assignment

```
a = 1
```

```
b = 2
```

```
c = a
```

- Bind the name `c` to the object bound to the name `a`
  - A name can only be bound to an object, not to a name

```
a = [1,2]
```

```
b = a
```

```
a.append(3)
```

```
b = [4]
```

*what's `a` and `b` ?*

*A name bound to a mutable object in Python is a pointer in C ?*

# Name, Binding

## Python : **dynamically typed names**

- Only values (objects) have a fixed type

```
x = 1          # x is an integer
x = 'hello'    # now x is a string
x = [1, 2, 3]  # now x is a list
```

**In Python, variables are a name that refers to a value (object) in memory**

## C : **statically typed variables with declaration**

- Each variable has a fixed type
- Type checking at compilation time

```
int x = 4;
char y = 'a';
char* p = &y;
```

**In C, variables are a location in the memory where values are stored; in fact, C has pointer types for such Python variables.**

# Discussion : Python and C

```
x = 10
y = x
x += 5
print("x =", x)
print("y =", y)
```

```
x = [10, 0]
y = x
x[1] = 5
print("x =", x)
print("y =", y)
```

```
int x = 10;
int y = x;
x += 5
printf("x = %d\n", x)
printf("y = %d\n", y)
```

```
Int x[] = {10, 0};
Int* y = x;
x[1] = 5;
printf("x[1] = %d\n", x[1]);
printf("y[1] = %d\n", y[1]);
```

# Binding time

- When is meaning of “+” bound to its meaning in “x + 10”?
  - Could be at language definition, implementation, or at translation
  - May also be execution time — could depend on type of x determined at run-time

- OOP

- Binding time of methods ?

```
a = Animal("mydog")
b = Dog("mydog2")
c = Duck("myduck")
```

```
a.move()
?
b.move()
?
c.move()
?
b.speak()
?
c.speak()
?
a.speak()
?
```

```
class Animal:
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
    def move(self):
        print("move")
    def speak(self):
        pass

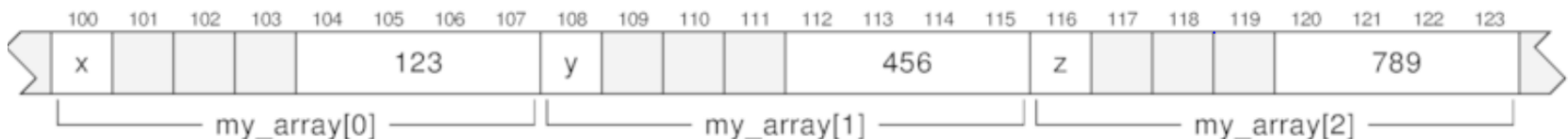
class Dog (Animal):
    def speak(self):
        print("bark")

class Duck (Animal):
    def speak(self):
        print("quack")
```

# C Pointer

- Python (and modern high level languages) hides how the memory in computer is actually organized
  - *Did you try `id()` of python objects?*
- C provides more computer-friendly view on memory; C expects you to have a basic understanding that memory consists of a sequence of bytes

```
struct foo { char c; int i; };  
struct foo my_array[3] = {  
    { 'x', 123 },  
    { 'y', 456 },  
    { 'z', 789 },  
};
```



So, pointer arithmetic works as

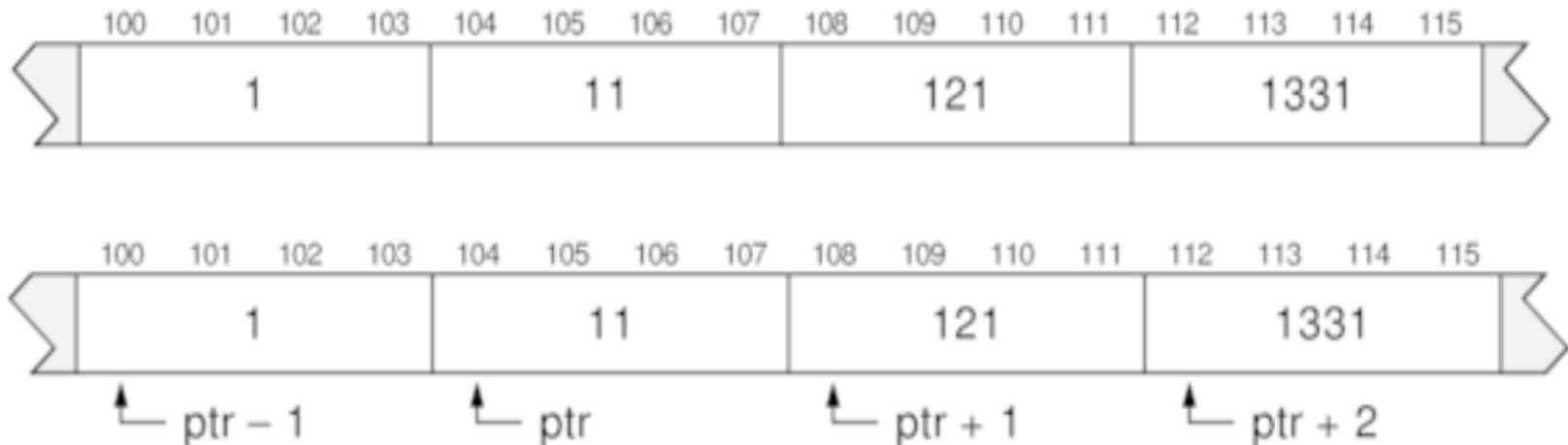
`p = address of my_array`

`p = p + 1`

# C Pointer

- Pointer arithmetic in C
  - Note that  $p + 1$  for pointer is not same as  $p + 1$  for integer
  - For pointer, address incremented by size of object pointed to (e.g., array indexing)

```
int array[4] = { 1, 11, 121, 1331 };  
int *ptr = &array[1]; /* ptr points to the second element (11) */
```



Q : where the variables in C are stored ?

- Stack
- Data Segment
- Heap

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int x;

int main(void) {
    int y;
    char *str;
    y = 4;

    :
    str = malloc(100*sizeof(char));
    :

    free(str);
    return 0;
}
```

- *Who did “malloc” and “free” for you in python ?*

# Parameter Passing

- In C
  - **Call by value** : values in actual parameters (caller) are copied into the formal parameters (callee); different memory is allocated for actual and formal parameters
  - **Call by reference** : the address of the variable is passed to the function (the address is copied to the formal parameters, as same as the above)
- In Python
  - Based on **name binding** (similar to call by reference, but)
    - Immutable object : cannot be modified
    - Mutable object : ?

```
def changeme( mylist ):  
    mylist.append([1,2,3,4])  
    print (mylist)  
    return
```

```
mylist = [10,20,30];  
changeme( mylist );  
print (mylist)
```

```
def changeme( mylist ):  
    mylist = [1,2,3,4]  
    print (mylist)  
    return
```

```
mylist = [10,20,30];  
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print (mylist)
```



# Parameter Passing

## Call by Value

```
void swapByValue(int a, int b){
    int t;
    t = a; a = b; b = t;
}

int main(){
    int n1 = 10, n2 = 20;
    swapByValue(n1, n2);
    printf("n1: %d, n2: %d\n", n1, n2);
}
```

## Call by Reference

```
void swapByReference(int *a, int *b){
    int t;
    t = *a; *a = *b; *b = t;
}

int main() {
    int n1 = 10, n2 = 20;
    swapByReference(&n1, &n2);
    printf("n1: %d, n2: %d\n", n1, n2);
}
```

# Parameter Passing

Call by Value or Reference ?

```
#include <stdio.h>
void display(int age) {
    printf("%d", age);
}

int main() {
    int ageArray[] = {2, 3, 4};
    display(ageArray[2]);
    return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
float average(float age[]);

int main() {
    float avg, age[] = {23.4, 55, 22.6, 3, 40.5, 18};
    avg = average(age);
    printf("Average age = %.2f", avg);
    return 0;
}

float average(float age[]) {
    int i;
    float avg, sum = 0.0;
    for (i = 0; i < 6; ++i) {
        sum += age[i];
    }
    avg = (sum / 6);
    return avg;
}
```

- Python
  - Assignment is “Binding” : bind name to object, e.g., `a = [10, 11, 12]`
  - Mutation is not “Binding” : e.g., `a.append(3)`
- C
  - Pointer is “Binding” like python (reference), e.g, `int* p = &i;`
  - Non-pointer is “Binding” like container, e.g., `int i = 3;`

total += 1

*In python,  
is it mutation or not ?*

*What about C ?*

Q : output ?

```
def f1(p):  
    p.extend([4])
```

```
def f2(p):  
    p += [4]
```

```
def f3(p):  
    p = p + [4]
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
f1(a)  
print(a)
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
f2(a)  
print(a)
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
f3(a)  
print(a)
```

```
def f1(p):  
    p = p[:]
```

```
def f2(p, q):  
    p = p[:]  
    q = p
```

```
def f3(p):  
    p = p[:] + [4]  
    return p
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
f1(a)  
print(a)
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
q = 4  
f2(a, q)  
print(q)
```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]  
a = f3(a)  
print(a)
```

# Discussion

- *Why does C support array of same data type elements ?*
- *Why does Python list support array of different data type elements ?*