

INTRO TO PYTHON

PROGRAMMING

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WHY PYTHON?

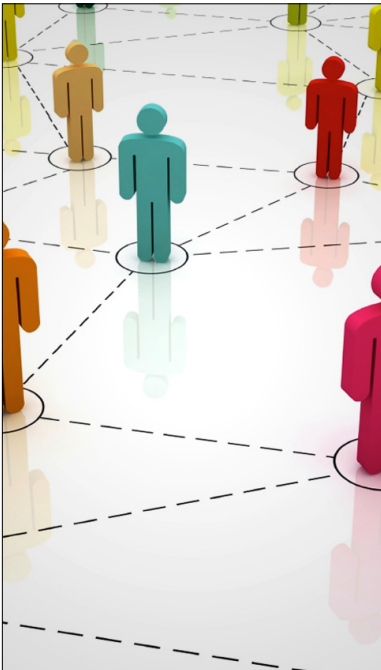
```
bicycles.py  x
hrs = int(input("Enter hours: "))
rph = float(input("Enter rate per hour: "))

if hrs <= 40 :
    total_pay = hrs * rph
    print("Total pay is:", total_pay)
else :
    ot_pay = (hrs - 40) * rph
    base_pay = 40 * rph
    total_pay = base_pay + ot_pay
    print("Total pay is:", total_pay)
```

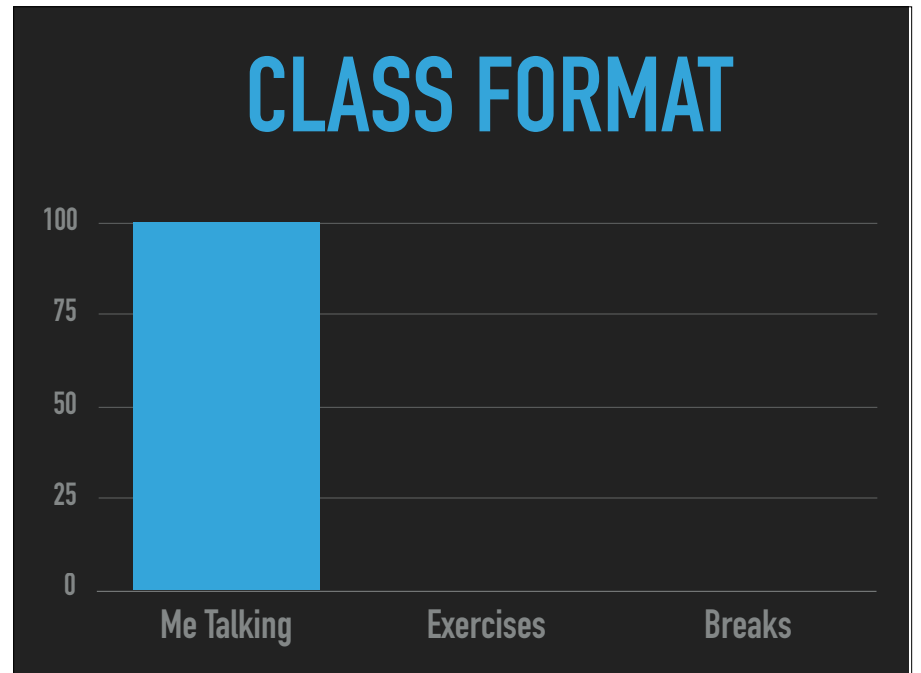
SHORT, READABLE
CODE



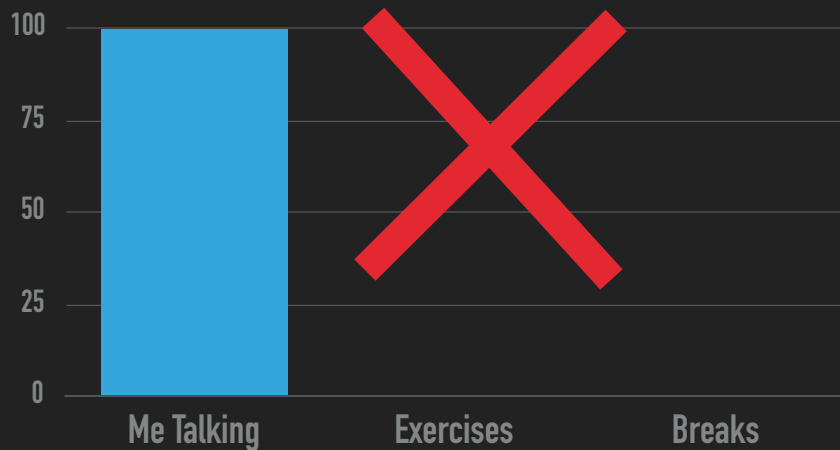
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INFRASTRUCTURE



BROAD OPEN-SOURCE
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CLASS FORMAT



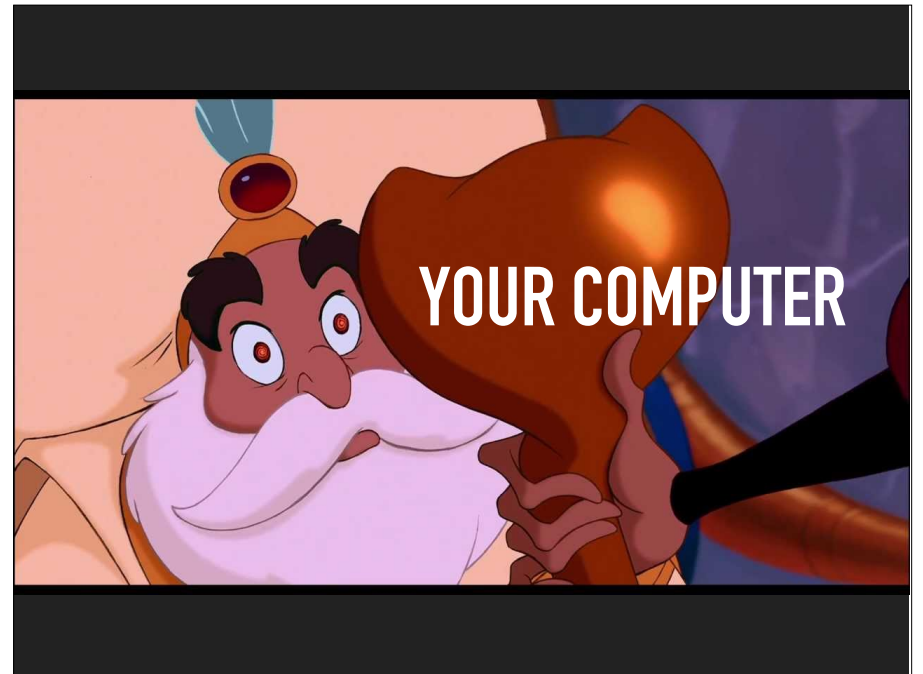
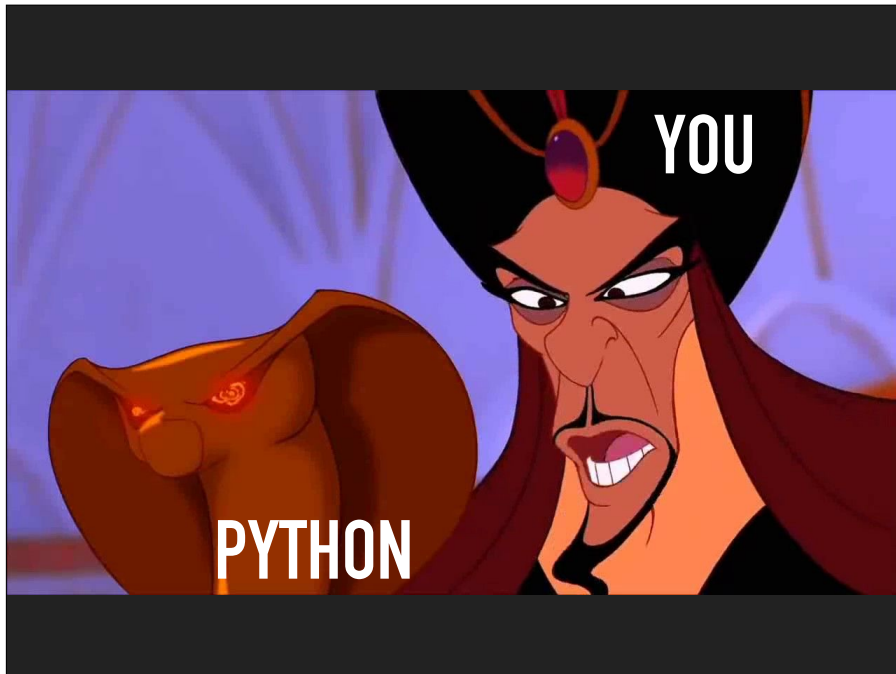
CLASS FORMAT

- 10 minutes for lesson & demo
- 15 minutes for exercise
- Pause to review & ask questions
- Rinse and repeat

FUNDAMENTALS

HOW TO THINK ABOUT PYTHON

- You are giving orders to your computer
- Each order is called a "statement"



ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

English:

remember "fav_number" means 3

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arbitrary label

ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

```
fav_number = 3
```

ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

```
fav_number = 3
```

variable



ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

```
fav_number = 3
```

variable



value



ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

```
fav_number = 3
```

variable



(integer literal)



RULES FOR VARIABLES

- ▶ Must start with a letter or underscore
- ▶ Cannot start with a number
- ▶ Only letters, numbers and underscores allowed
- ▶ Variable names are case-sensitive

VARIABLES

my_number

VARIABLES

my_number ✓

VARIABLES

my_number ✓

3amigos

VARIABLES

my_number ✓

3amigos ✗

VARIABLES

my_number ✓

3amigos ✗

left-handed

VARIABLES

my_number ✓

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EXPRESSIONS

- An expression is part of a statement
- Noun without a verb

EXPRESSION EXAMPLES

- Variables (like `fav_number`)
- Values (like 3)

PYTHON THINKS LIKE YOUR CALCULATOR

- ▶ If you enter `7 + 9`, this is still an expression.
- ▶ Equivalent to 16.



EXPRESSION VS STATEMENT

- Equal to a single value → expression

EXPRESSION VS STATEMENT

- Equal to a single value → expression
- Important to know when you're giving an order vs noun

WHY DO I CARE ABOUT CALCULATORS?

- Compare to Excel formulas
- Find compound interest, etc

OLD FRIENDS

- Integers (called "int")
- Decimals (called "float")

OLD FRIENDS

- Addition (+)
- Multiplication (*)
- Division (/)
- Exponents (**)

A NEW FRIEND

- Modulo (%)
- Finds the remainder

CONCEPTS COVERED SO FAR

- ▶ Statement
- ▶ Expression
- ▶ Variable
- ▶ Int, Float

EXERCISES

NEW DATA TYPE: STRING

- Text wrapped in quotes
- Only meaningful to humans

STRING EXAMPLE

```
greeting = "hello world!"
```

STRING EXAMPLE

```
greeting = "hello world!"
```

↑
value

STRING EXAMPLE

```
greeting = "hello world!"
```

↑
(string literal)



INDEXING SYNTAX

English:

get the first letter in my_string

INDEXING SYNTAX

```
my_string[0]
```

INDEXING SYNTAX

English translation:

get the seventh letter in my_string

INDEXING SYNTAX

```
my_string[6]
```

INDEXING SYNTAX

English:

get the last letter in my_string

INDEXING SYNTAX

```
my_string[-1]
```

SLICE SYNTAX

English:

get the first four letters of my_string

SLICE SYNTAX

```
my_string[0:4]
```

SLICE SYNTAX

```
my_string[0:4]
```



not included!

SLICE SYNTAX

English:

get all the letters up to the third

SLICE SYNTAX

```
my_string[:3]
```

SLICE SYNTAX

English:

*grab from the third element through
until the end*

SLICE SYNTAX

```
my_string[2:]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
[start_index:end_index]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
[start_index:end_index:step]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[::2]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[::2]
```

➡ even # items in list

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[1::2]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[1::2]
```

→ odd # items in list

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[::-1]
```

SLICE: STEP

```
my_string[::-1]
```

→ reverse list

EXERCISES

VALUES: WHAT KINDS ARE THERE?

- ▶ Int
- ▶ Float
- ▶ String

MIXING DATA TYPES

`1 + 7.0 = 8.0`



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`1 + 7.0 = 8.0`



`1 + "7.0" = error`



MIXING DATA TYPES

`1 + 7.0 = 8`



`1 + int("7.0") = 8.0`



ANATOMY OF A FUNCTION CALL

`int("7.0")`

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`int("7.0")`



function

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`int("7.0")`



function



input (aka argument)

FUNCTION

- Performs an action
- Action in example: cast to integer

FUNCTION VS METHOD

- Same: performs an "action" with input
- Different: where input comes from

METHOD EXAMPLE

```
"Rob".replace("R","B")
```

METHOD EXAMPLE

```
"Rob".replace("R","B")
```

→ "Bob"

METHOD EXAMPLE

```
"Rob".replace("R", "B")
```



method on string

FUNCTION VS METHOD

```
int("123")
```



Input between
parentheses

```
"Rob".replace("R", "B")
```

FUNCTION VS METHOD

```
int("123")
```



Input between
parentheses

```
"Rob".replace("R", "B")
```



Main input
before dot

CASTING BETWEEN DATA TYPES

▶ `int()`

▶ `float()`

▶ `str()`

CONCEPTS COVERED SO FAR

- ▶ Function
- ▶ Method
- ▶ Casting

EXERCISES