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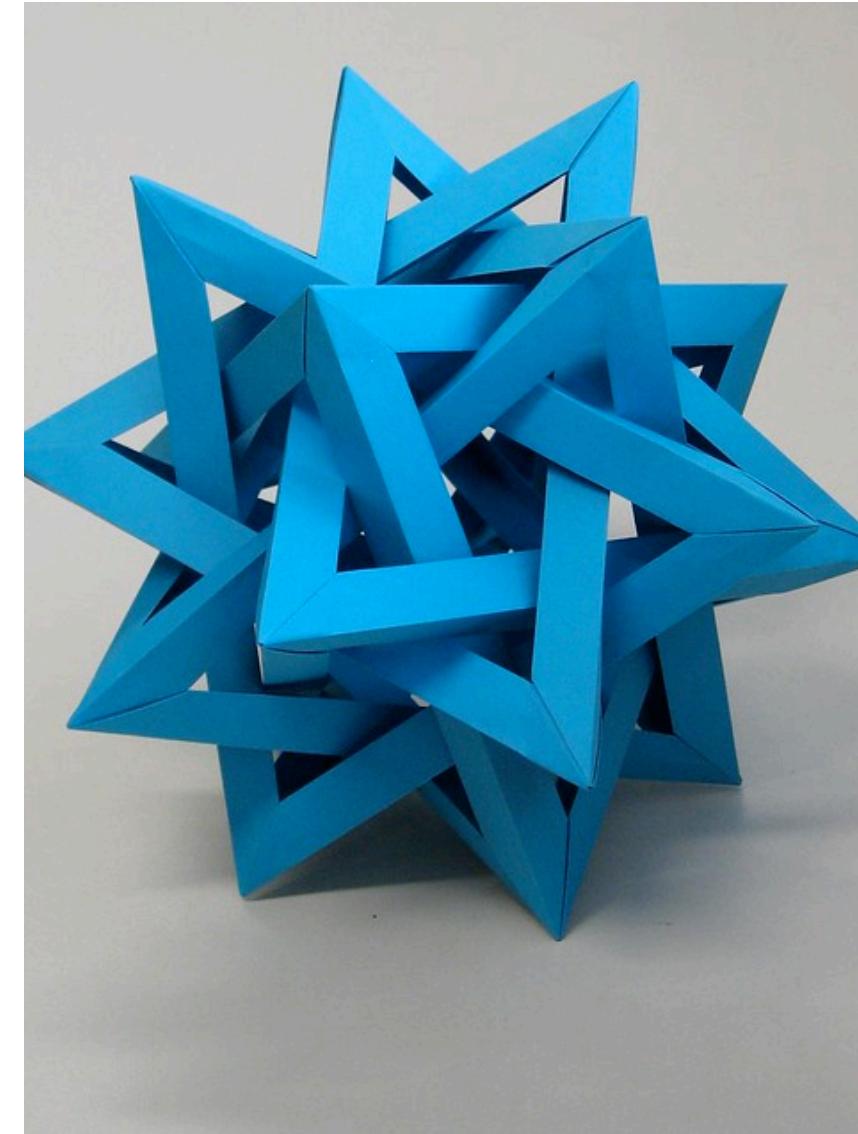
Introduction to

programming

A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO HARDWARE,
SOFTWARE, AND ALGORITHM DEVELOPMENT



Chapter 1



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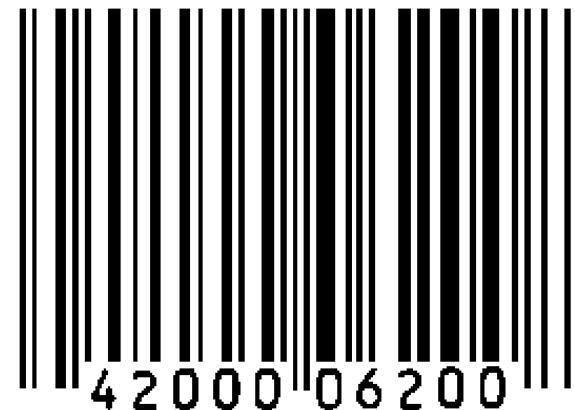
Unit P1: Goals

- Introduction to computers and programming
 - About computer hardware, software and programming
 - How to write and execute your first Python program
 - How to diagnose and fix programming errors
 - How to use pseudocode to describe an algorithm
- Flow Charts as a support for problem solving
 - Representation
 - Design steps
- Introduction to Python
 - Tools
 - Language

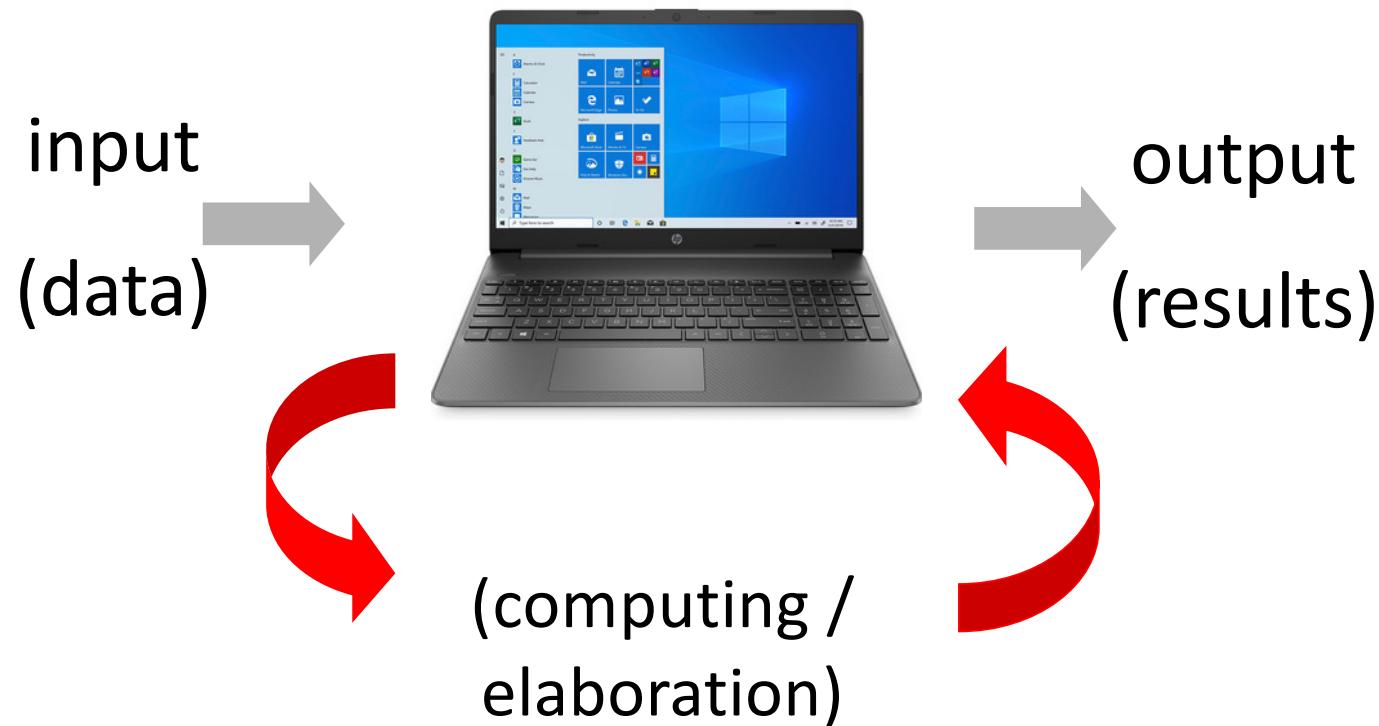
Introduction to Computer Systems

Definition of Computer Science

- Computer Science (Informatics) is the science devoted to the study of **how to represent and manipulate information**



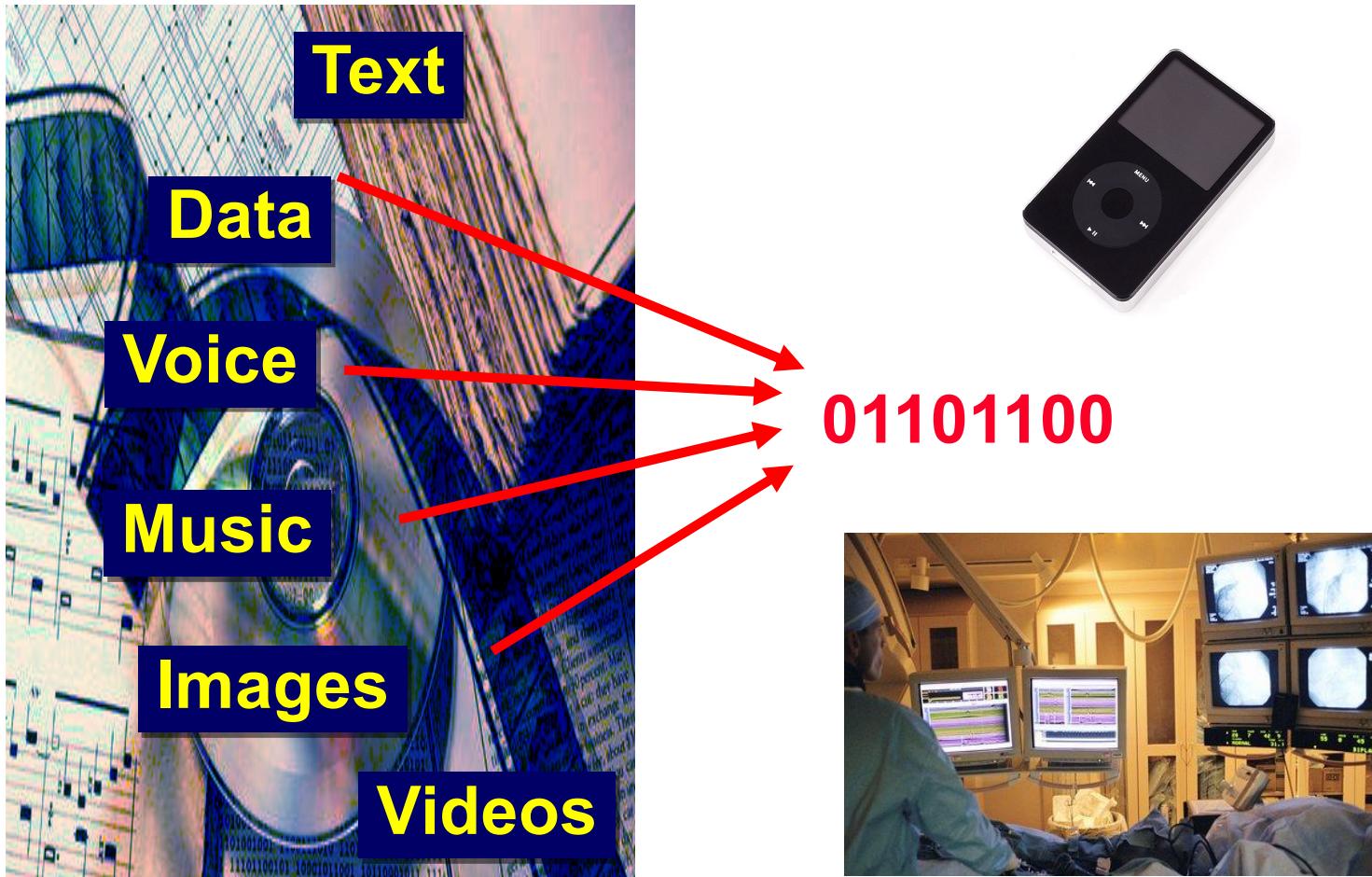
Electronic Computer



Problems

- How to encode data in a format that can be understood by the computer
- How to encode the orders into a sequence of operations that composes the desired elaboration
- How to decode the results in a format that can be understood by the human user

Digital information: everything becomes “bits”



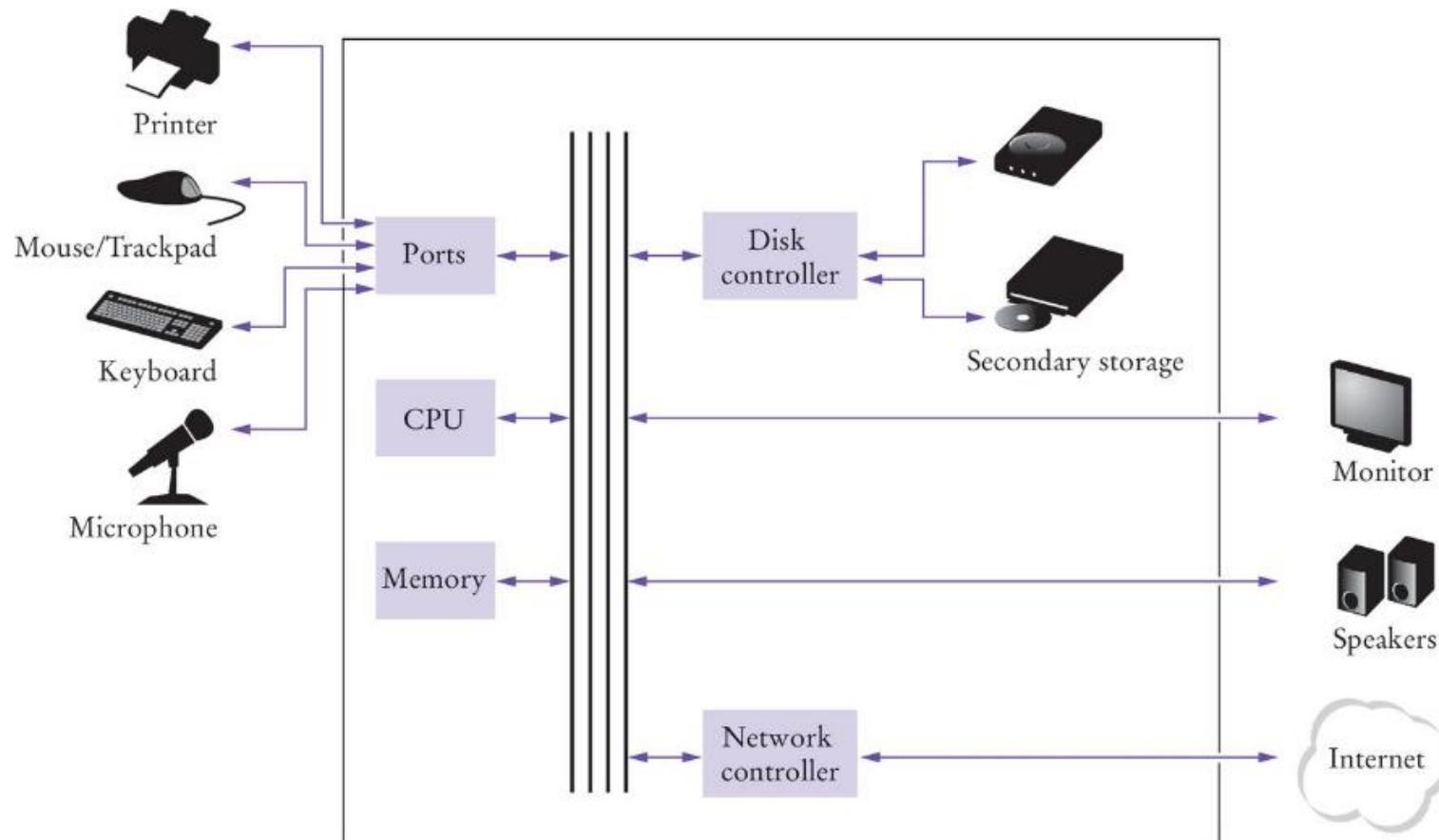
Hardware and Software

- An electronic computer is composed of two parts:
 - Hardware: Physical component, consisting of electronic devices, and mechanical, magnetic and optical parts
 - Software: “intangible” component consisting of:
 - Programs: The “instructions” for hardware
 - Data: Information upon which programs operate

Hardware

- **Hardware** consists of the physical elements in a computer system.
 - Examples: monitor, mouse, external storage, keyboard,
- The **central processing unit (CPU)** performs program control and data processing
- **Storage devices** include memory (RAM) and secondary storage
 - Hard disk
 - Flash drives
 - CD/DVD drives
- **Input / output devices** allow the user to interact with the computer
 - Mouse, keyboard, printer, screen...

Simplified View of a Computer's Hardware



Software

- **Software** is typically realized as an application program
 - Microsoft Word is an example of software
 - Computer Games are software
 - Operating systems and device drivers are also software
- Software
 - Software is a sequence of instructions and decisions implemented in some language and translated to a form that can be executed or run on the computer.
 - Software operates and manages the data used by the instructions
- Computers execute very basic instructions in rapid succession
 - The basic instructions can be grouped together to perform complex tasks
- Programming is the act of designing and implementing computer programs

Computer Programs

- A **computer program** tells a computer the sequence of steps needed to complete a specific task
 - The program consists of a (very) large number of primitive (simple) instructions
- Computers can carry out a wide range of **tasks** because they can execute different programs
 - Each program is designed to direct the computer to work on a specific task
- **Programming:**
 - The act (and the **art**) of designing, implementing, and testing computer programs

Executing a Program

- Program instructions and data (such as text, numbers, audio, or video) are stored in digital format
- To execute a program, it must be brought into memory, where the CPU can read it.
- The CPU runs the program one instruction at a time.
 - The program may react to user input.
- The instructions and the user input guide the program execution
 - The CPU reads data (including user input), modifies it, and writes it back to memory, the screen, or secondary storage.

Cooking vs Programming



Hardware

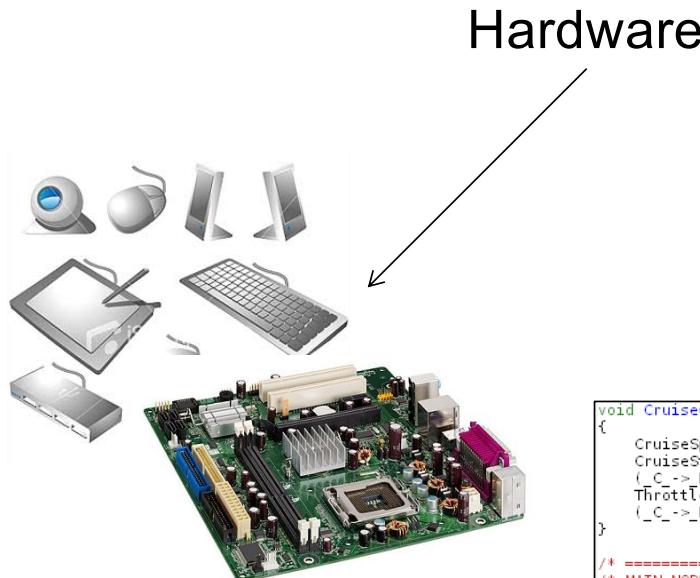
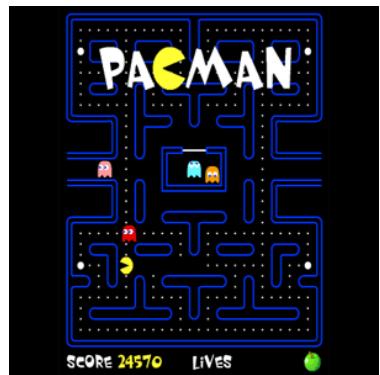
Software

Orange Cake

4 ogs. Butter
1 Cup Sugar
2 Cups Flour
1/2 Cup Orange Juice
2 Teaspoons Baking Powder
3 - - - Eggs
Rind of orange

Cream butter & sugar
add eggs one by one
beating each in well.
Then add grated rind of
orange - flour & juice
separately. Bake in deep
pan. 350°

Cooking vs Programming

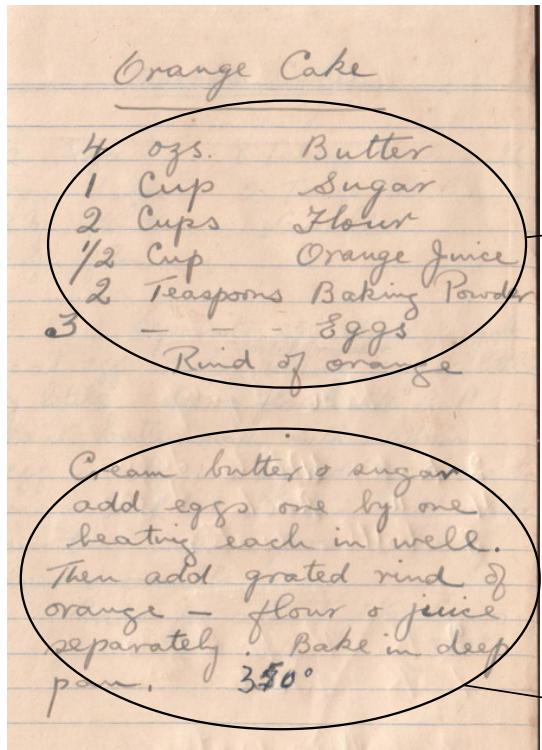


```
void CruiseControl_init(_C_CruiseControl * _C_)
{
    CruiseSpeedMgt_init(&(_C_->_C0_CruiseSpeedMgt));
    CruiseStateMgt_init(&(_C_->_C8_CruiseStateMgt));
    (_C_->_M_conduct_0) = true;
    ThrottleCmd_init(&(_C_->_C4_ThrottleCmd));
    (_C_->_M_init) = true;
}

/* ===== */
/* MAIN NODE */
/* ===== */

void CruiseControl(_C_CruiseControl * _C_)
{
    bool BrakePressed;
    bool AcceleratorPressed;
    bool SpeedOutOffLimits;
    bool _L19;
    /*#code for node CruiseControl */
    /* call to node not expanded DetectPedalsPressed */
    (_C_->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed._IO_Brake) = (_C_->_I7);
    (_C_->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed._II_Accelerator) = T;
    DetectPedalsPressed(&(_C_->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed));
    BrakePressed = (_C_->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed._OO_Brake);
    AcceleratorPressed =
        (_C_->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed._O1_AcceleratorPre);
    /* call to node not expanded DetectSpeedLimits */
    (_C_->_Cn_DetectSpeedLimits._IO_speed) = (_C_->_I8);
    DetectSpeedLimits(&(_C_->_Cn_DetectSpeedLimits));
    SpeedOutOffLimits = T;
    (_C_->_Cn_DetectSpeedLimits._OO_Speed);
    /* call to node not expanded CruiseStateMgt */
    (_C_->_C8_CruiseStateMgt._IO_BrakePressed) = BrakePressed;
}
```

Cooking vs Programming



Ingredients/Data

Instructions/Code

```
/* ===== */
/* MAIN NODE */
/* ===== */

void CruiseControl(_C_CruiseControl * _C)
{
    bool BrakePressed;
    bool AcceleratorPressed;
    bool SpeedOutOffLimits;
    bool _L19;

    /*#code for node CruiseControl */
    /* call to node not expanded DetectPedalsPressed */
    (_C->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed, _IO_Brake) = (_C->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed, _IL_Accelerator) = ((
        DetectPedalsPressed(&(_C->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed))
        BrakePressed = (_C->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed, _OO_Bra
        AcceleratorPressed =
            (_C->_Cn_DetectPedalsPressed, _O1_AcceleratorPr
    /* call to node not expanded DetectSpeedLimits */
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        DetectSpeedLimits(&(_C->_Cn_DetectSpeedLimits));
        SpeedOutOffLimits = _T_C->_Cn_DetectSpeedLimits, _OO_
    /* call to node not expanded CruiseStateMgt */
    (_C->_CB_CruiseStateMgt, _IO_BrakePressed) = BrakeP
```

What is “programming”?

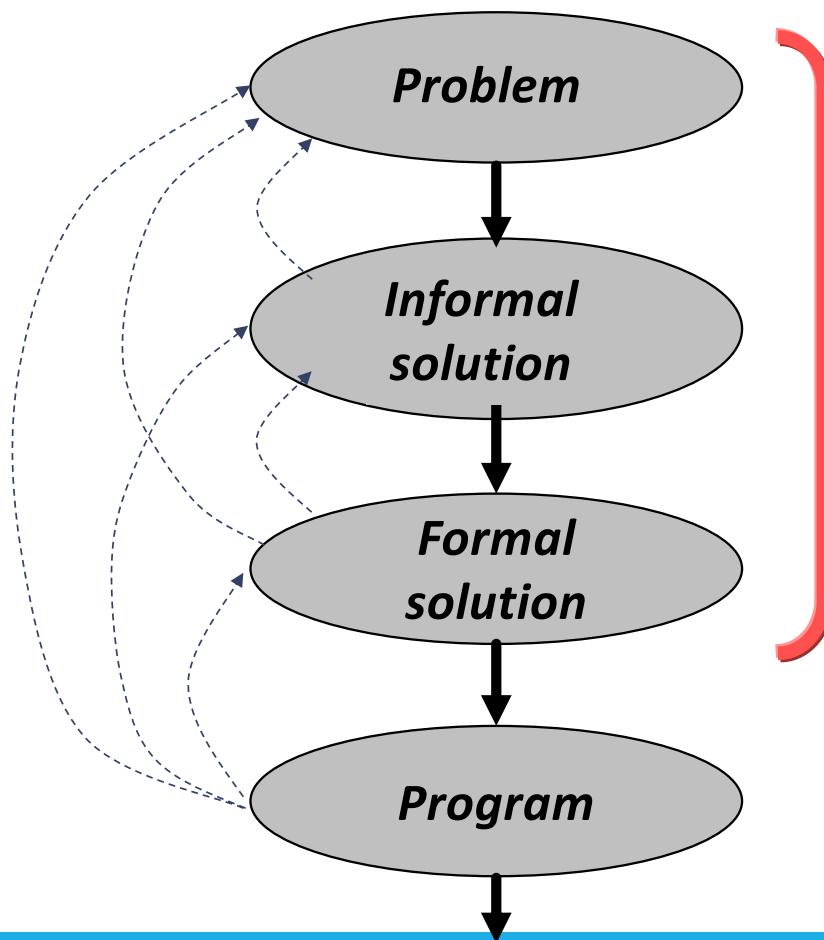
- Programming amounts to writing a “document” ([source file](#)) that describes the solution to the problem at hand
- In general, “[the](#)” solution to a given problem does [not](#) exist
 - Programming consists of finding the most efficient solution to the problem, according to certain metrics

What is “programming”?

- Programming is a “**creative**” task!
 - Every problem is **different** from every other problem
 - There are no systematic/analytic solutions or “**universal**” solutions!

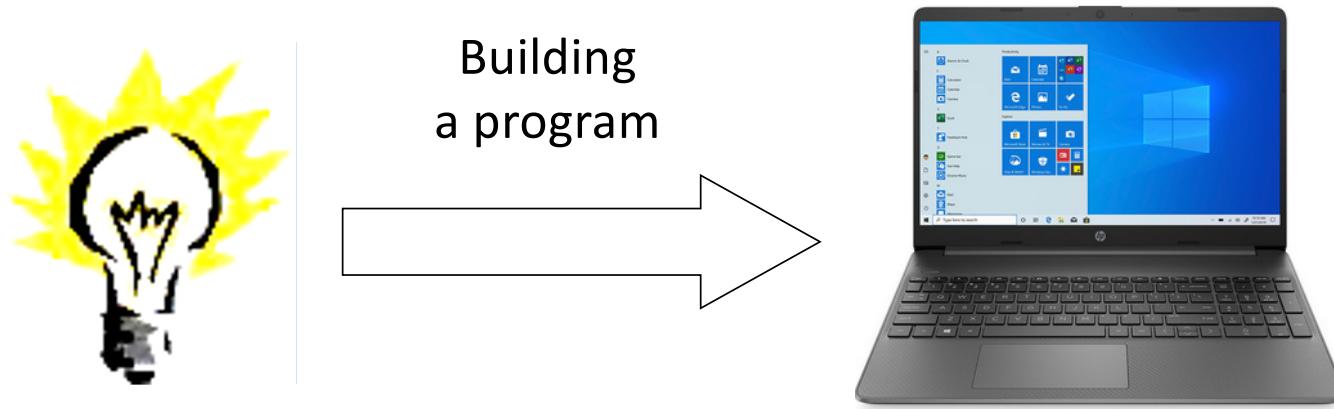
- Programming is a complex operation
 - A “**direct**” approach (from the problem directly to the final source code) is **unfeasible**
 - Usually, organized in several stages (**refinements**)

Developing a program



What do we learn in this course?

- From the specification of a problem, to the realization of a solution to that problem, in the form of a computer program



The first ENGINEERING DESIGN course at Politecnico

What will we learn in this course?

- To acquire the mental attitude (*forma mentis*) necessary to face «problem posing» and «problem solving» tasks
 - To analyze a problem, and decompose it in smaller problems
 - To describe the solution of a problem, in clear non-ambiguous way
 - To analyze and make explicit our reasoning steps
- This is useful in all scientific (and non-scientific) disciplines
- In particular...
 - ...to **THINK** like a computer
 - ...to **SPEAK** to a computer so that it can understand us

Tools for Problem Solving



The Rules

- I must solve the problem, and imagine I have one sheet of paper (memory) and a pen, only
- Every information that I need to remember must be written on the paper

Exercise

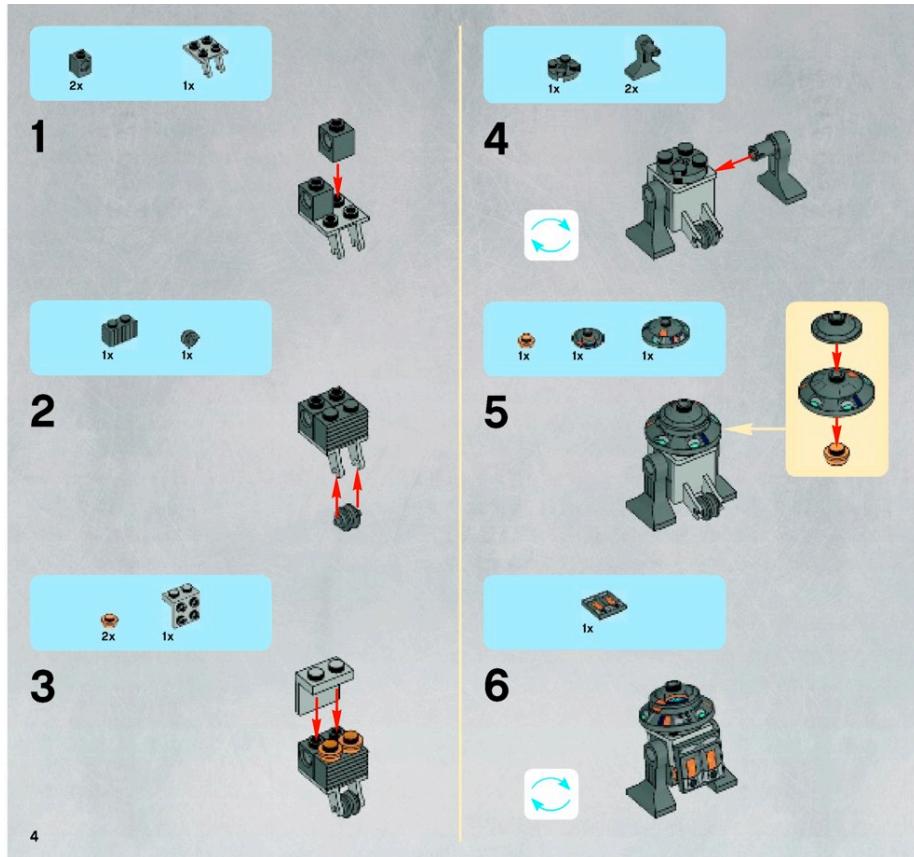
- Find who is the oldest student in the classroom

Algorithms



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Algorithm



Structured visual language

Sequential operations

Sub-operations

Repetitions

Thinking like a computer programmer 😞

**Wife : Honey, please go to the super market
and get 1 bottle of milk. If they have bananas,
bring 6.**

Thinking like a computer programmer 😞

**Wife : Honey, please go to the super market
and get 1 bottle of milk. If they have bananas,
bring 6.**

He came back with 6 bottles of milk.

**Wife: Why the hell did you buy 6 bottles of
milk?!?!**

**Husband (confused): BECAUSE THEY HAD BA-
NANAS.**

**He still doesn't understand why his wife
yelled at him since he did exactly as she told
him.**

Our First Definition

- **Algorithm**
- An algorithm is a **step by step** description of how to **solve a problem**

Introduction to Algorithms

- If you want a computer to perform a task, you start by writing an algorithm
- An **Algorithm** is:
 - A sequence (the order matters!) of actions to take (instructions) to accomplish the given task for achieving a goal
 - Like a ‘recipe’
- For complex problems, software developers study an algorithm, then formalize it with pseudo code or flow charts, all before attempting to write a computer program
- Developing algorithms is a fundamental **problem solving** skill
 - It has uses in many fields outside of Computer Science

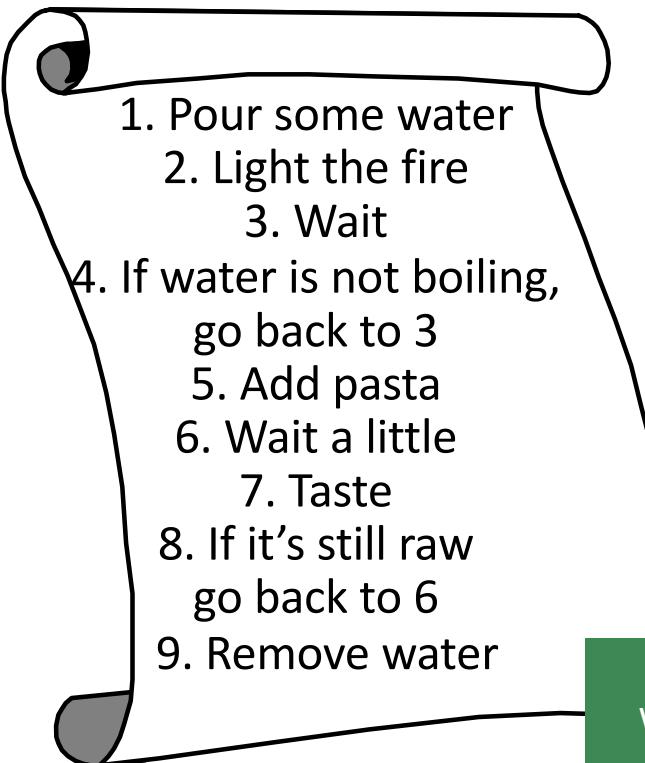
Algorithm: Formal Definition

- An **algorithm** describes a sequence of steps that is:
- **Unambiguous**
 - No “assumptions” are required to execute the algorithm
 - The algorithm uses precise instructions
- **Executable**
 - The algorithm can be carried out in practice
- **Terminating**
 - The algorithm will eventually come to an end, or halt

Problem Solving: Algorithm Design

- Algorithms are simply plans
 - Detailed plans that describe the steps to solve a specific problem
- You already know quite a few
 - Calculate the area of a circle
 - Find the length of the hypotenuse of a triangle
- Some problems are more complex and require more steps
 - Solve a 2nd degree equation
 - Find the GCD of two numbers
 - Calculate PI to 100 decimal places
 - Calculate the trajectory of a missile

Algorithms in everyday life



1. Pour some water
2. Light the fire
3. Wait
4. If water is not boiling,
go back to 3
5. Add pasta
6. Wait a little
7. Taste
8. If it's still raw
go back to 6
9. Remove water



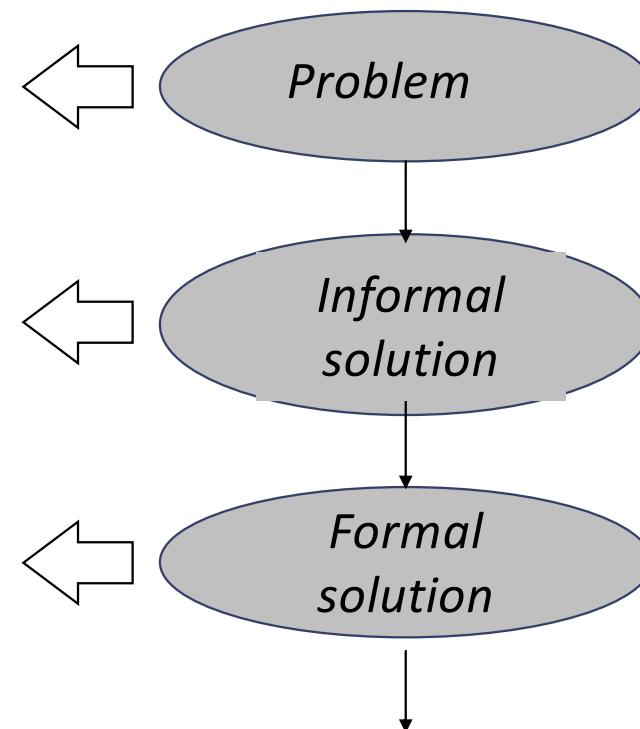
Who noticed that we
forgot the salt?

A Simple Example

- A simple algorithm to get yourself a drink of orange juice
 - For simplicity, the following are true:
 - You have a clean glass in the cabinet
 - You have orange juice in your refrigerator
- So one valid algorithm is:
 - get a glass from your cabinet
 - go to the refrigerator and get the orange juice container
 - open the orange juice container
 - pour the orange juice from the container into the glass
 - put the orange juice container back in the refrigerator
 - drink your juice

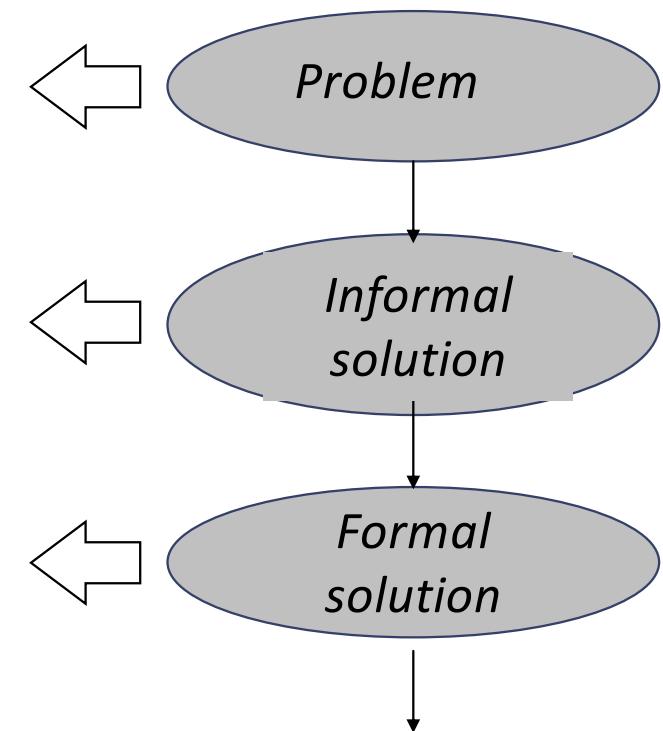
Example of problem solving

- Problem: Compute the maximum among A and B
- Solution: The maximum is the larger number between A and B...
- Formal solution:
 1. *initially: max = 0*
 2. *if A > B then max = A; stop*
 3. *otherwise max = B; stop*



Example of problem solving

- Problem: Compute the Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) among A and B
- Solution: By definition, the GCD is the largest integer number that divides exactly (without remainder) both A and B. Let's try all the numbers from 1 to A or B.
- Formal solution: ???



Second Example: Selecting a Car

- Problem Statement:
 - You have the choice of buying two cars.
 - One is more fuel efficient than the other, but also more expensive.
 - You know the price and fuel efficiency (in miles per gallon, mpg) of both cars.
 - You plan to keep the car for ten years.
 - Which car is the better deal?

Developing the Algorithm

- Determine the inputs and outputs
- From the problem statement we know:
 - Car 1: Purchase price, Fuel Efficiency
 - Car 2: Purchase price, Fuel Efficiency
 - Price per gallon = \$4.00
 - Annual miles driven= 15,000
 - Length of time = 10 years
- For each car we need to calculate:
 - Annual fuel consumed for each car
 - Annual fuel cost for each car
 - Operating cost for each car
 - Total cost of each Car
- Then we select the car with the lowest total cost

Formalizing the solution

■ Pseudo-code

- Pros
 - Immediate
- Cons
 - Algorithm description not very abstract
 - More complex interpretation

■ Flow Charts

- Pros
 - More intuitive: graphical formalism
 - More abstract algorithm description
- Cons
 - Require learning the meaning of different blocks
 - Struggle to represent complex or more abstract operations

Translating the Algorithm to pseudocode

- Break down the problem into smaller tasks
 - ‘Calculate total cost’ for each car
 - To calculate the total cost for each year we need to calculate the operating cost
 - The operating cost depends on the annual fuel cost
 - The annual fuel cost is the price per gallon * the annual fuel consumed
 - The annual fuel consumed is the annual miles drive / fuel efficiency
- Describe each subtask as pseudocode
 - $\text{total cost} = \text{purchase price} + \text{operating cost}$

The Pseudo-code

- For each Car, compute the total cost
 - Annual fuel consumed = annual miles driven / fuel efficiency
 - Annual fuel cost = price per gallon * annual fuel consumed
 - Operating cost = Length of time * annual fuel cost
 - Total cost = purchase price + operating cost
- If total cost1 < total cost2
 - Choose Car1
- Else
 - Choose Car2

Bank Account Example

- Problem Statement:
 - You put \$10,000 into a bank account that earns 5 percent interest per year.
How many years does it take for the account balance to be double the original?
- How would you solve it?
 - Manual method
 - Make a table
 - Add lines until done
 - Use a spreadsheet!
 - Write a formula
 - Per line, based on the line above

year	balance
0	10000
1	$10000.00 \times 1.05 = 10500.00$
2	$10500.00 \times 1.05 = 11025.00$
3	$11025.00 \times 1.05 = 11576.25$
4	$11576.25 \times 1.05 = 12155.06$

Develop the algorithm steps

- You put \$10,000 into a bank account that earns 5 percent interest per year.
How many years does it take for the account balance to be double the original?
- Break it into steps
 - Start with a year value of 0 and a balance of \$10,000
 - Repeat the following while the balance is less than \$20,000
 - Add 1 to the year value
 - Multiply the balance by 1.05
 - (5% increase)
 - Report the final year value as the answer

year	balance
0	10000

year	balance
0	10000
1	10500

14	19799.32
15	20789.28

Translate to pseudocode

- Pseudocode
 - Half-way between natural language and a programming language
- Modified Steps
 - Set the year value of 0
 - Set the balance to \$10,000
 - While the balance is less than \$20,000
 - Add 1 to the year value
 - Multiply the balance by 1.05
 - Report the final year value as the answer
- The pseudocode is easily translated into Python

From the Solution to the Program

- Writing a program is practically immediate, if we start from the formal solution (pseudo code or flow chart)
- Programming languages offer different constructs and statements of varying complexity
 - Depending on the language

Which languages?

- Different levels of abstraction
 - High-level languages
 - Language statements have a complexity equivalent to structured flow chart blocks (assignments, conditions, cycles, ...)
 - Examples: C, C++, Java, JavaScript, Python, etc.
 - Independent from the hardware
 - Assembly languages
 - Language statements correspond to micro-architecture instructions
 - Highly dependent from the hardware
 - Example: Assembly language of the Intel Core microprocessor

Which languages? – Examples

- High Level Language

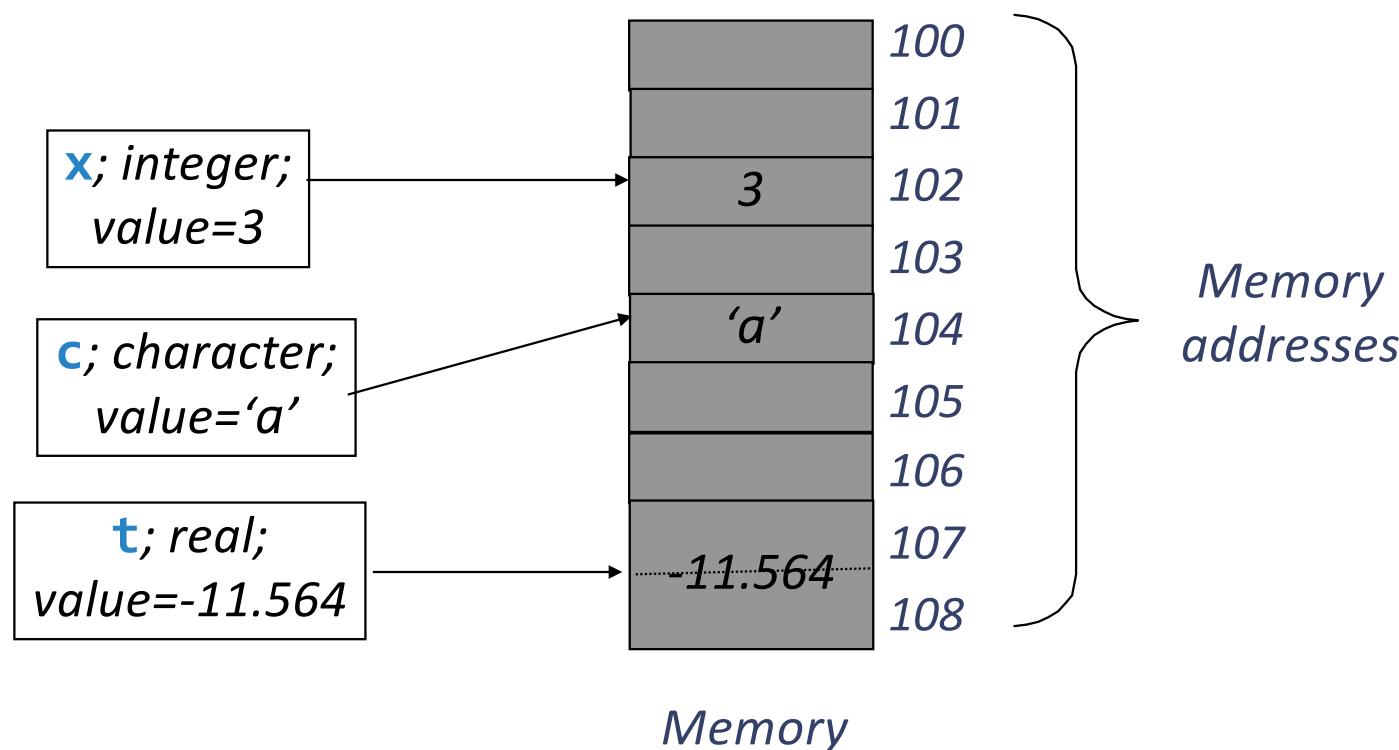
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...
if x > 3:
    x = x + 1
...
...
```

- Assembly Language

```
...
LOAD Reg1, Mem[1000]
ADD Reg1, 10
...
...
```

Specific for a given architecture
(microprocessor)

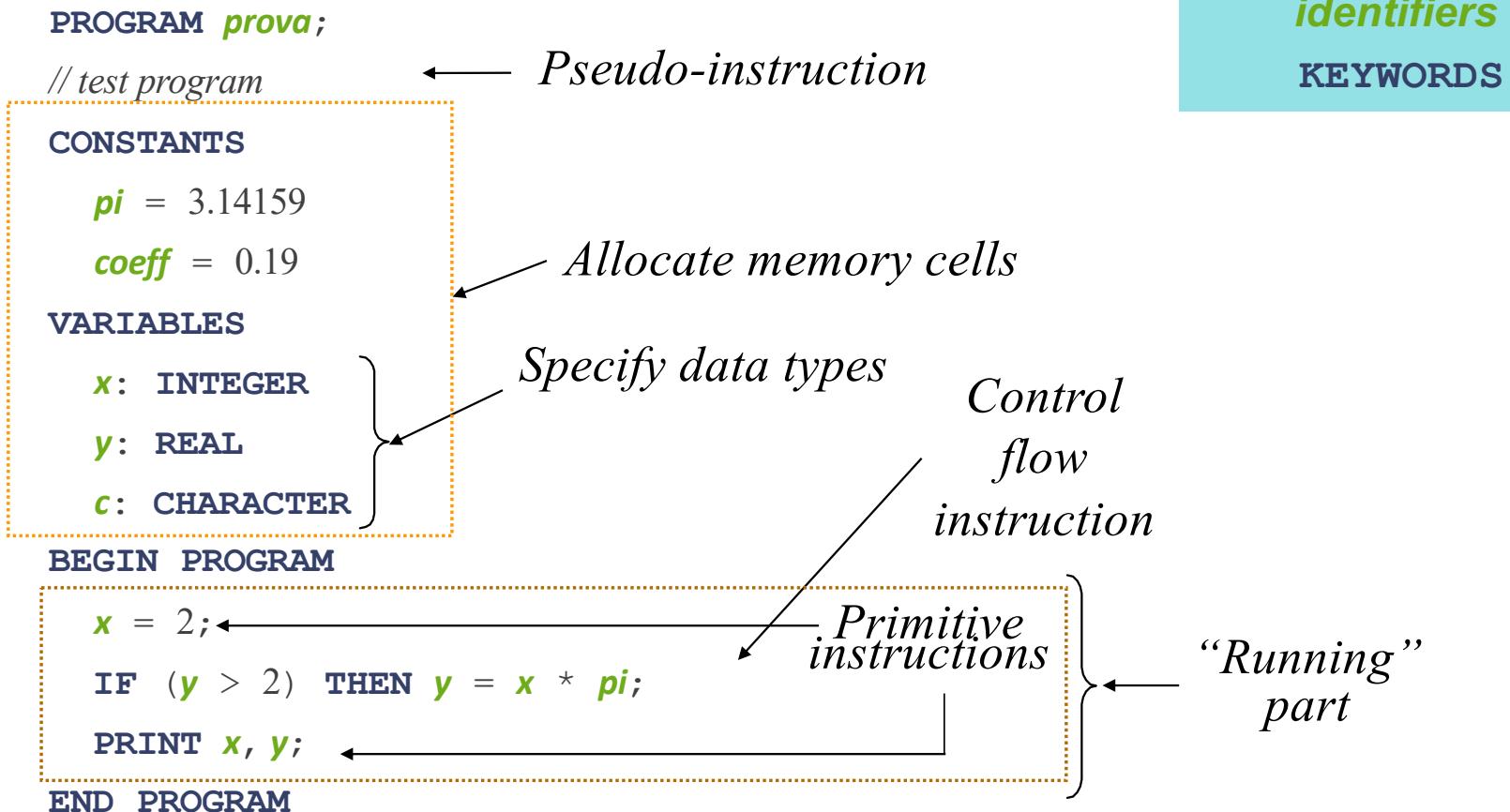
Data abstraction



Instructions

- Operations supported by the programming language, that will execute them by translating them to the machine level
 - **Pseudo-instructions**
 - Directive to the language interpreter or compiler, do not correspond to executable code
 - **Basic (elementary, primitive) instructions**
 - Operations that directly correspond to hardware operations
 - Example: interaction with I/O devices, data access and modification
 - **Flow control instructions**
 - Execute complex operations by controlling the execution sequence of basic instructions

Program example



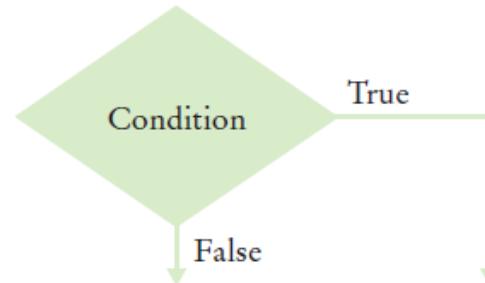
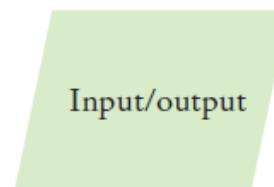
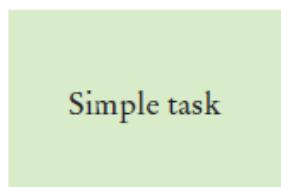
Using Flowcharts to Develop and Refine Algorithms



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Problem Solving: Flowcharts

- A flowchart shows the structure of decisions and tasks to solve a problem
- Basic flowchart elements:



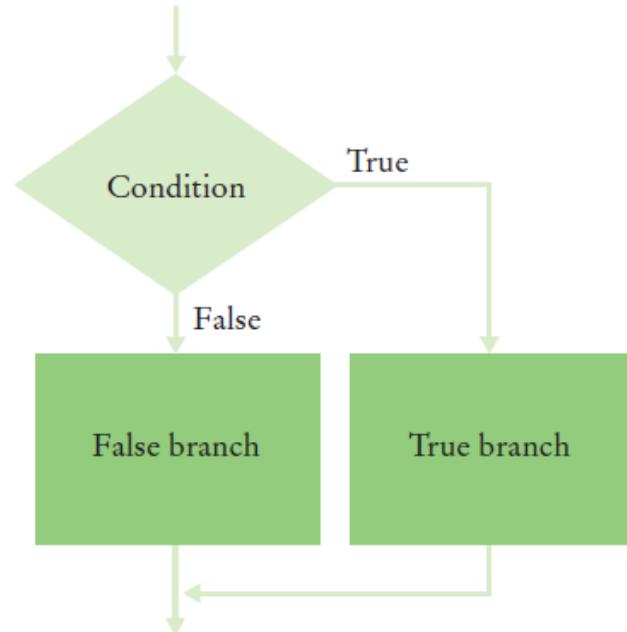
- Connect them with arrows
 - But never point an arrow inside another branch!
- Each branch of a decision can contain tasks and further decisions

Using Flowcharts

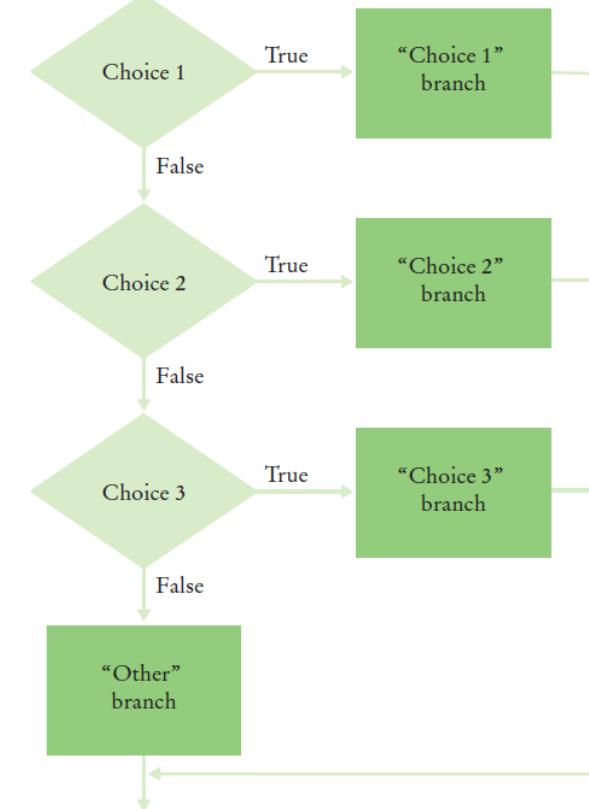
- Flowcharts are an excellent tool
- They can help you visualize the flow of your algorithm
- Building the flowchart
 - Link your tasks and input / output boxes in the sequence they need to be executed
 - When you need to make a decision use the diamond (a conditional statement) with two outcomes
 - Never point an arrow inside another branch

Conditional Flowcharts

- Two Outcomes

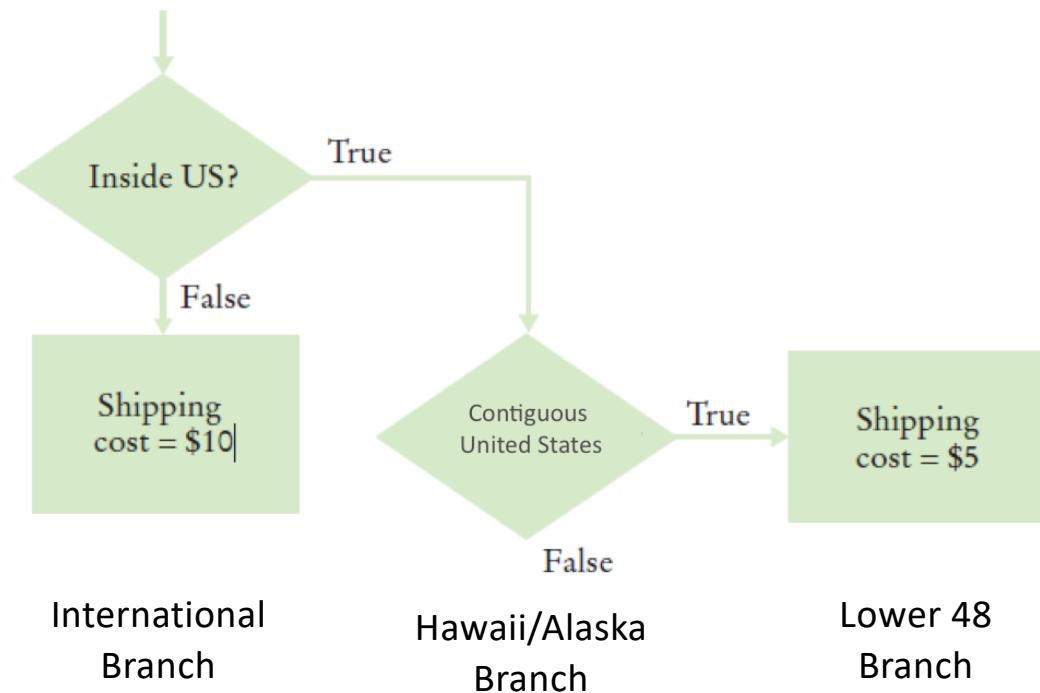


- Multiple Outcomes



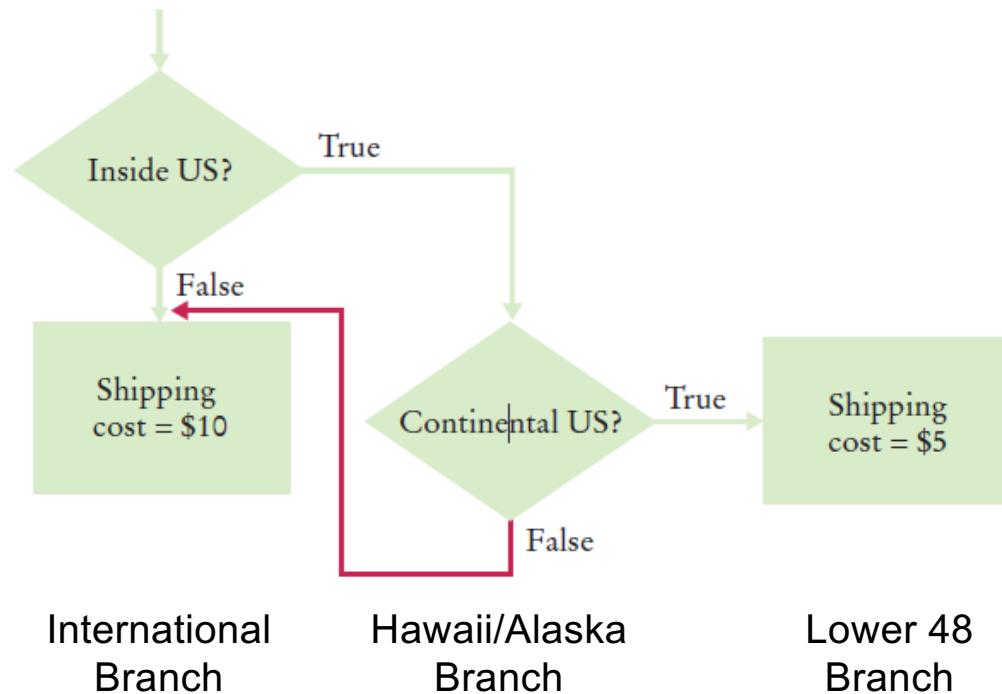
Shipping Cost flowchart

- Shipping costs are \$5 inside the contiguous United States (Lower 48 states), and \$10 to Hawaii and Alaska. International shipping costs are also \$10.
- Three Branches:



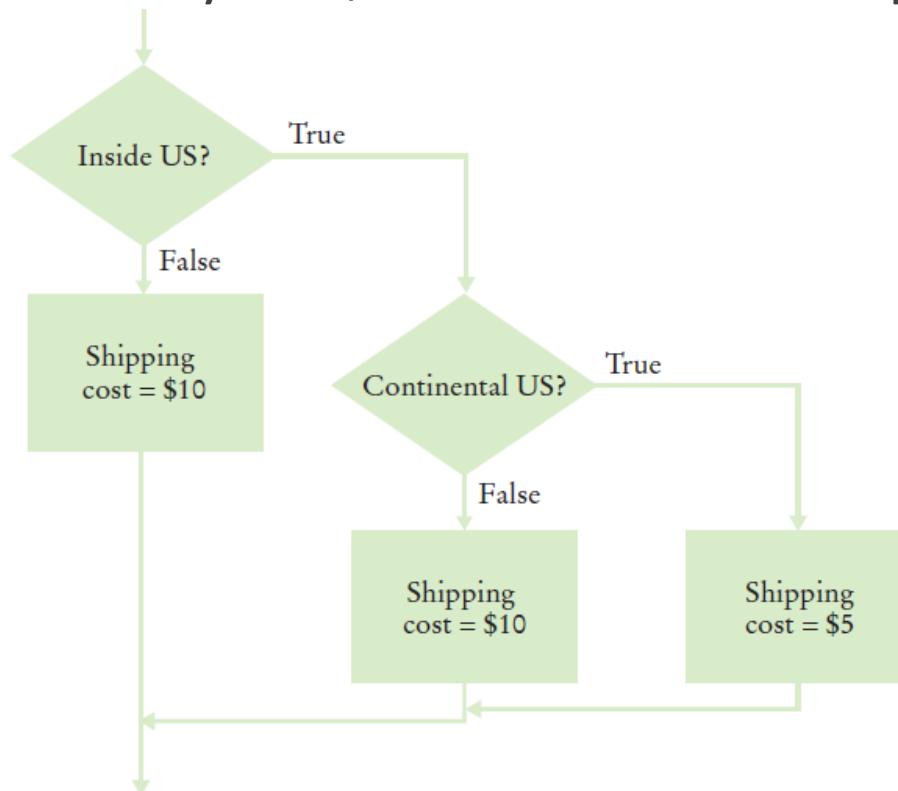
Don't Connect Branches!

- Shipping costs are \$5 inside the United States, except that to Hawaii and Alaska they are \$10. International shipping costs are also \$10.
- **Don't do this!**



Shipping Cost Flowchart

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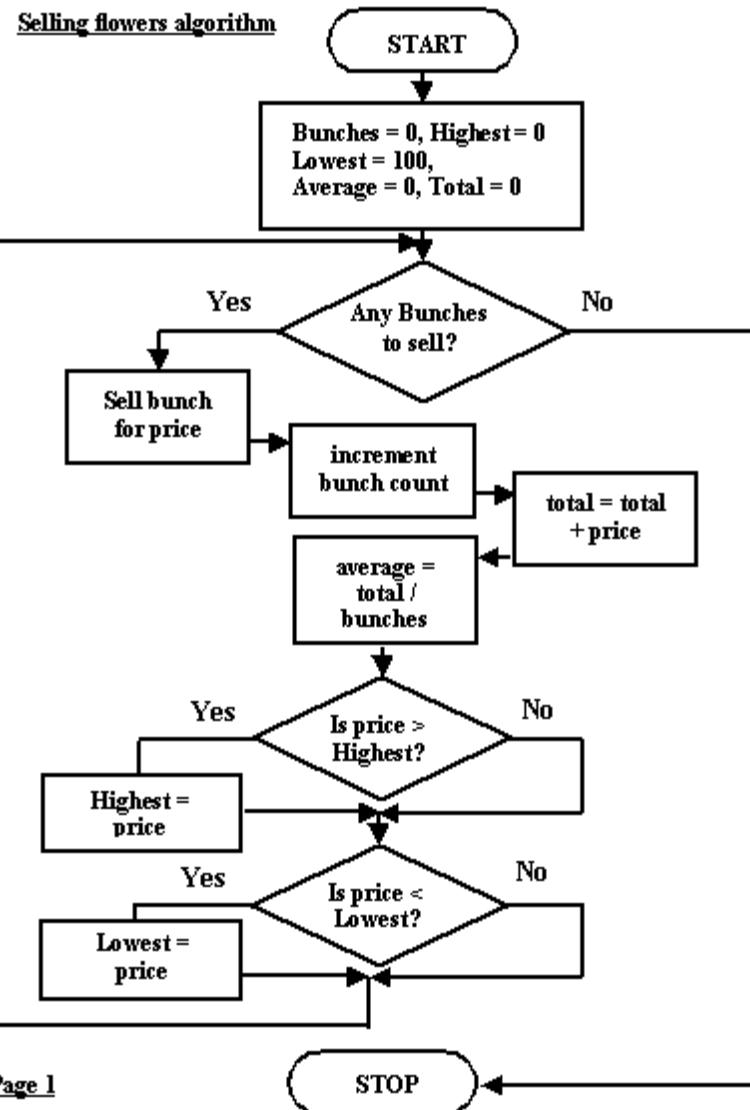
Complex Decision Making is Hard

- Computer systems are used to help sort and route luggage at airports
- The systems:
 - Scan the baggage tags
 - Sorts the items
 - Routes the items to conveyor belts
 - Humans then place the bags on trucks
- In 1993 Denver built a new airport with a “state of the art” luggage system that replaced the human operators with robotic carts
 - The system failed
 - The airport could not open without a luggage system
 - The system was replaced (it took over a year)
 - The cost was almost \$1B.... (yes one billion... 1994 dollars)
 - The company that designed the system went bankrupt

Exercise

- Fred sells bunches of flowers at the local shopping center.
- One day Fred's boss, Joe, tells Fred that at any time during the day he (Joe) will need to know:
 - how many bunches of flowers have been sold
 - what was the value of the most expensive bunch sold
 - what was the value of the least expensive bunch sold
 - what is the average value of bunches sold

Exercise



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Building Test Cases



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Problem Solving: Test Cases

- To verify the correctness of a program, you must test it
 - A Test Case is a set of inputs that are used to verify whether the program output is correct in that specific case
- Testing is never 100% complete, but should cover all possible behaviors of the program
- Aim for complete coverage of all decision points (alternatives)
 - Create separate test cases for every programming alternative (e.g., domestic/international)
 - Create test cases for “boundary conditions”: the minimum (maximum) value, a value just above the minimum (max), just above the minimum (max), just above/below a program threshold, ...
 - Create test cases for special values (0, 1, very large numbers, ...)
 - Create test cases for invalid inputs (negative values, strings instead of numbers, empty values, ...)

Make a Schedule...

- Make a reasonable estimate of the time it will take you to:
 - Design the algorithm
 - Develop test cases
 - Translate the algorithm to code and enter the code
 - Test and debug your program
- Leave some extra time for unanticipated problems
- As you gain more experience your estimates will become more accurate. It is better to have some extra time than to be late

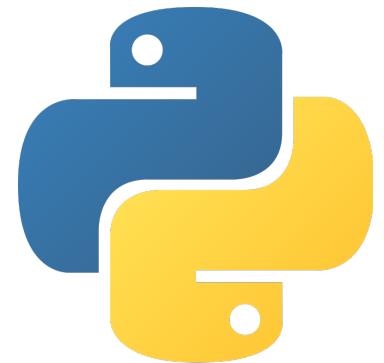
Introducing Python



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The Python Language

- In the early 1990's, Guido van Rossum designed what would become the Python programming language
- Van Rossum was dissatisfied with the languages available
 - They were optimized to write large programs that executed quickly
- He needed a language that could not only be used to create programs quickly but also make them easy to modify
 - It was designed to have a much simpler and cleaner syntax than other popular languages such as Java, C and C++ (making it easier to learn)
 - The Python environment featured an “all batteries included” approach, with the availability of many commonly used functions
 - Python is interpreted, making it easier to develop and test short programs
- Python programs are executed by the Python interpreter
 - The interpreter reads your program and executes it



<https://www.python.org/>

The screenshot shows the Python.org homepage with a dark blue header. The header features the Python logo and the word "python" in white. A navigation bar with tabs for "Python", "PSF", "Docs" (which is highlighted in yellow), "PyPI", "Jobs", and "Community" is at the top. Below the header is a search bar with a "Donate" button and a "Socialize" link. The main content area has a dark background with a light blue sidebar containing links like "About", "Downloads", "Documentation", "Community", "Success Stories", "News", and "Events". The "Documentation" tab is active. On the left, there's a code snippet in a terminal window:

```
# Python 3: Fibonacci series up to n
>>> def fib(n):
>>>     a, b = 0, 1
>>>     while a < n:
>>>         print(a, end=' ')
>>>         a, b = b, a+b
>>>         print()
>>> fib(1000)
0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987
```

To the right of the code, a section titled "Functions Defined" explains Python's function definition syntax. It includes a note about mandatory and optional arguments, keyword arguments, and arbitrary argument lists, with links to "More about defining functions in Python 3". Below this is a navigation bar with pages 1 through 5.

In the center, a large text block reads: "Python is a programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively. [»» Learn More](#)".

The footer contains four sections: "Get Started", "Download", "Docs", and "Jobs", each with a brief description and a link to its respective page.

<https://docs.python.org/>

The screenshot shows the Python 3.8.5 documentation page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for "Python", "English", "3.8.5", "Documentation", "Quick search", "Go", and "modules | index". On the left, a sidebar contains links for "Download", "Docs by version" (listing versions from 3.10 down to 2.7), and "Other resources" (including PEP Index, Beginner's Guide, Book List, Audio/Visual Talks, and Python Developer's Guide). The main content area has a title "Python 3.8.5 documentation" and a welcome message: "Welcome! This is the documentation for Python 3.8.5." It then lists several sections: "Parts of the documentation:" (What's new in Python 3.8?, Tutorial, Library Reference, Language Reference, Python Setup and Usage, Python HOWTOs), "Indices and tables:" (Global Module Index, General Index, Glossary), and "Meta information:". Each section includes a brief description and a link.

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Python 3.8.5 documentation

Welcome! This is the documentation for Python 3.8.5.

Parts of the documentation:

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Library Reference
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[describes syntax and language elements](#)

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Programming Environments

- There are several ways of creating a computer program
 - Using an Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - IDLE, PyCharm, Visual Studio Code, ...
 - Using a text editor
 - Notepad, Notepad++, Atom, vi, gedit, ...
- You should use the method you are most comfortable with
 - In this course we will use the PyCharm IDE or the repl.it on-line IDE
 - Book examples use the Wing IDE or the Spyder IDE

IDE components

- The source code editor can help programming by:
 - Listing line numbers of code
 - Syntax highlighting and coloring (comments, text...)
 - Auto-indent source code
 - Highlight syntax errors
 - Auto-completion
- Output window
 - The output generated by the program
- Debugger
 - Tools to help you search and correct logic errors in the program

Text editor programming

- You can use a simple text editor to write your source code
- Once saved as hello.py, you can use a console window to:
 - Compile & Run the program

The image shows a screenshot of a Windows desktop with two windows open. On the left is a Notepad++ window titled 'C:\Data\python\week2\hello.py - Notepad++'. It contains the following Python code:

```
1 # My First Python program
2 print("Hello, world")
```

A blue callout bubble points to the code with the text 'Program source code in hello.py'. On the right is a Command Prompt window titled 'Command Prompt' with the following text displayed:

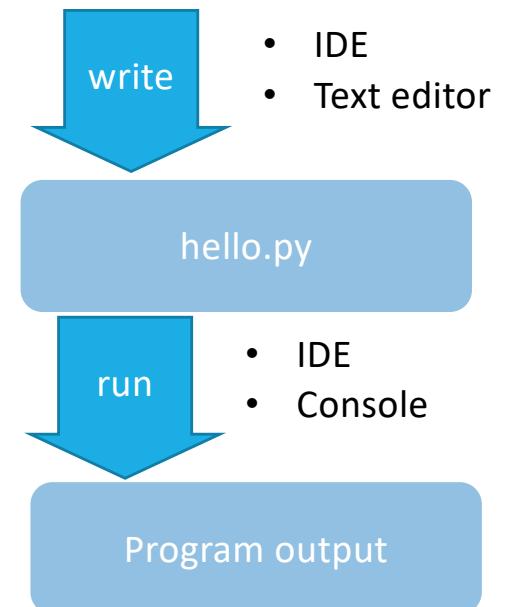
```
C:\Data\python\week2>python hello.py
Hello, world
C:\Data\python\week2>
```

A blue callout bubble points to the output with the text '(Compile and) execute the program: python hello.py'. Another blue callout bubble points to the same output with the text 'Program output: Hello, world'.

Your first program

- Traditional ‘Hello World’ program in Python
 - `print` is an example of a Python `statement`

```
1 # My first Python program.  
2 print("Hello, World!")  
3
```

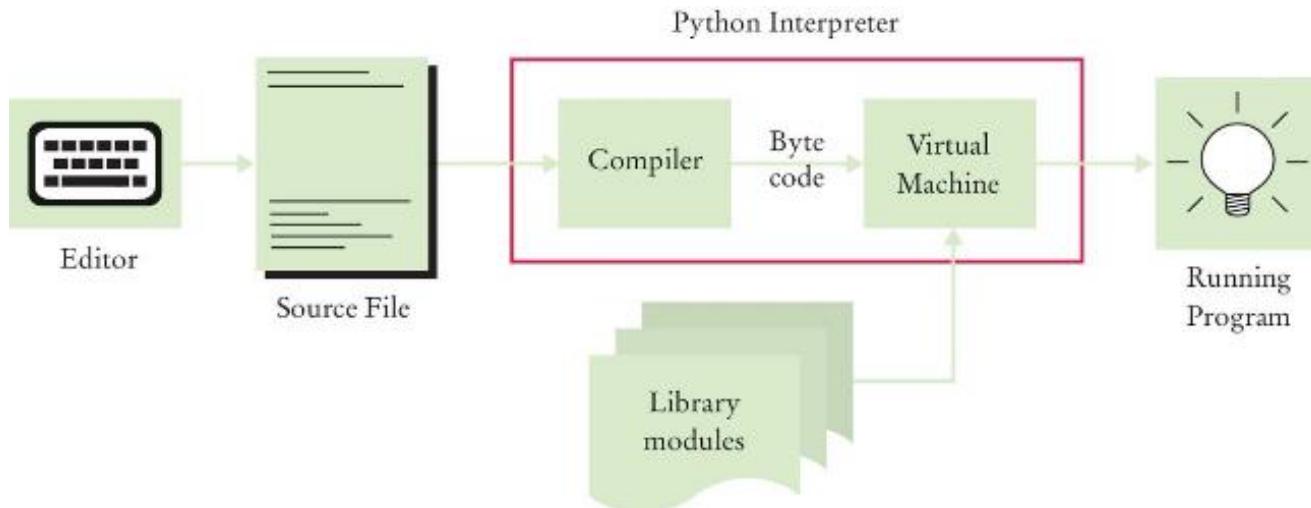


Writing/typing a Python program

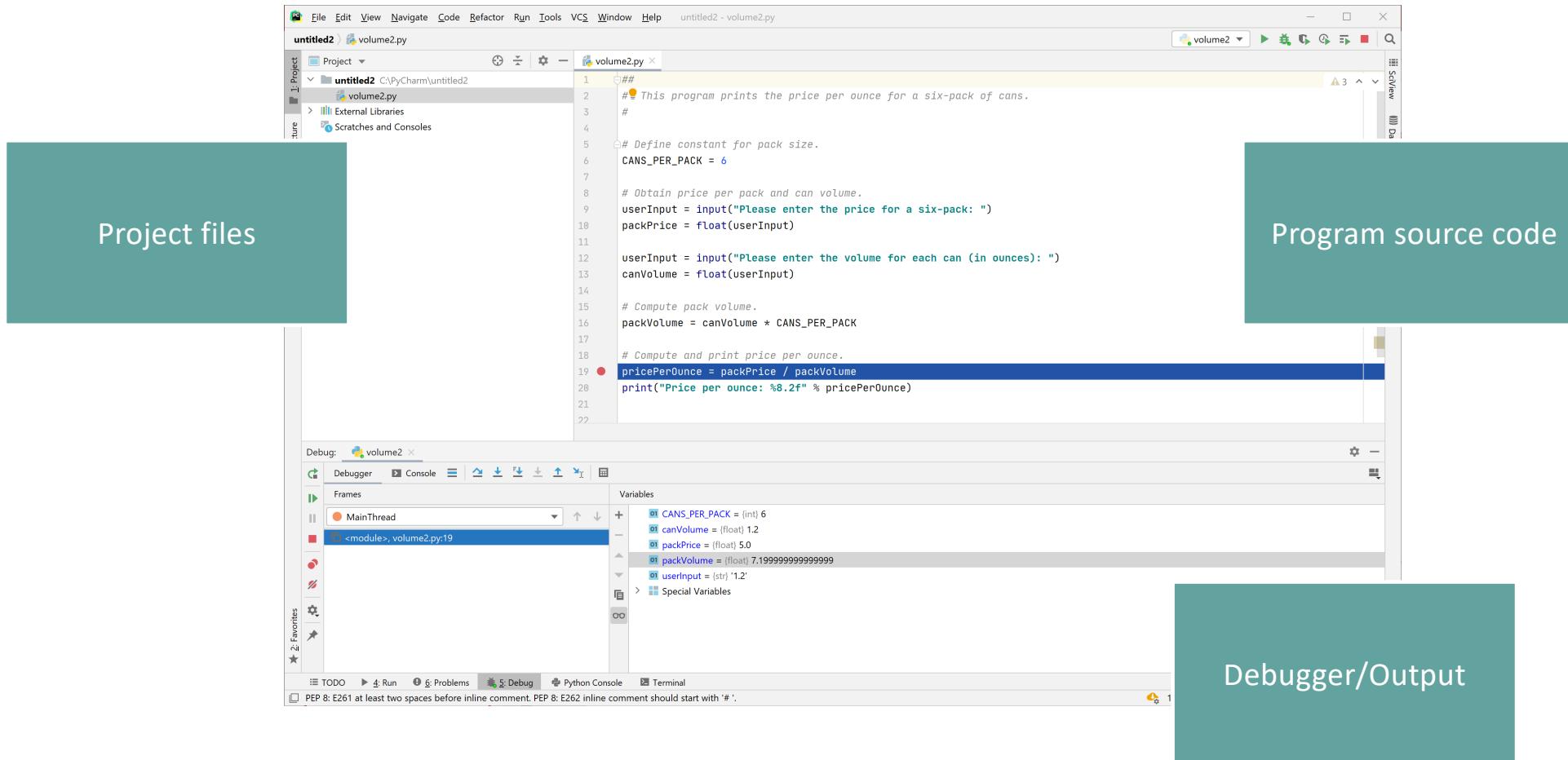
- Careful about spelling - e.g., 'print' vs. 'primt'
- PyTHon iS CaSe SeNsItiVe
- Spaces are important, especially at the beginning of a line (indentation)
- Lines beginning with # are comments (ignored by Python)

Source Code to a Running Program

- The compiler reads your program and generates byte code instructions (simple instructions for the Python Virtual machine)
 - The Python Virtual machine is a program that is similar to the CPU of your computer
 - Any necessary libraries (e.g. for drawing graphics) are automatically located and included by the virtual machine



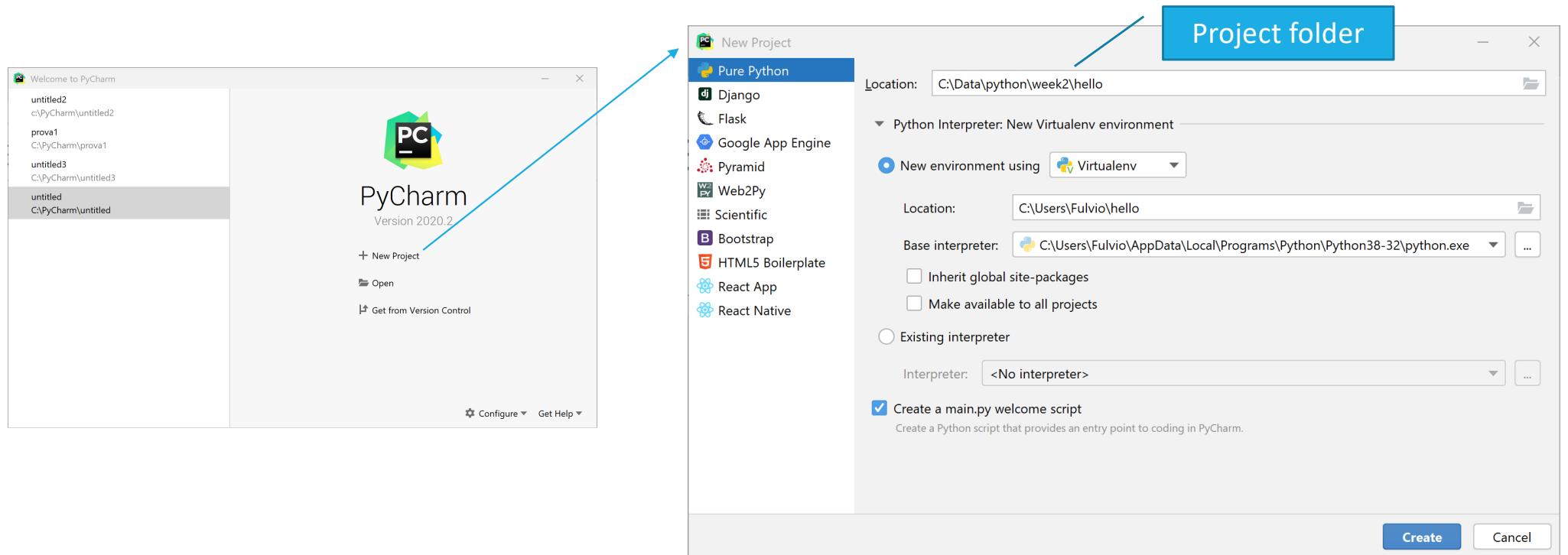
The PyCharm IDE



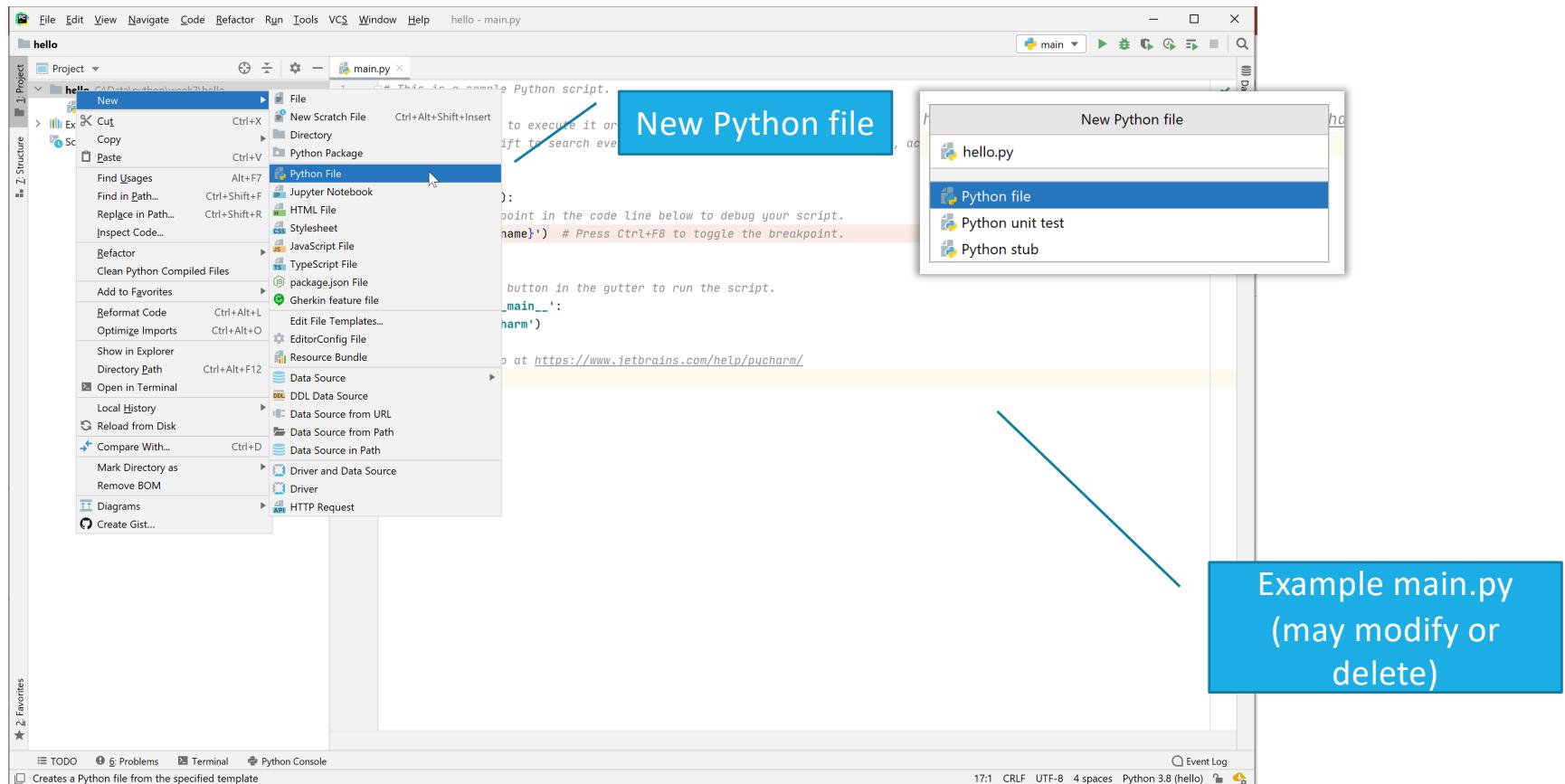
Project vs Program vs File

- A single Program may be very large, and will be composed of many different files
- IDEs allow us to group a set of related files into a “Project”
- Every time we want to create a new program, we must
 - Create a new Project
 - Create one (or more) Python Files inside the Project

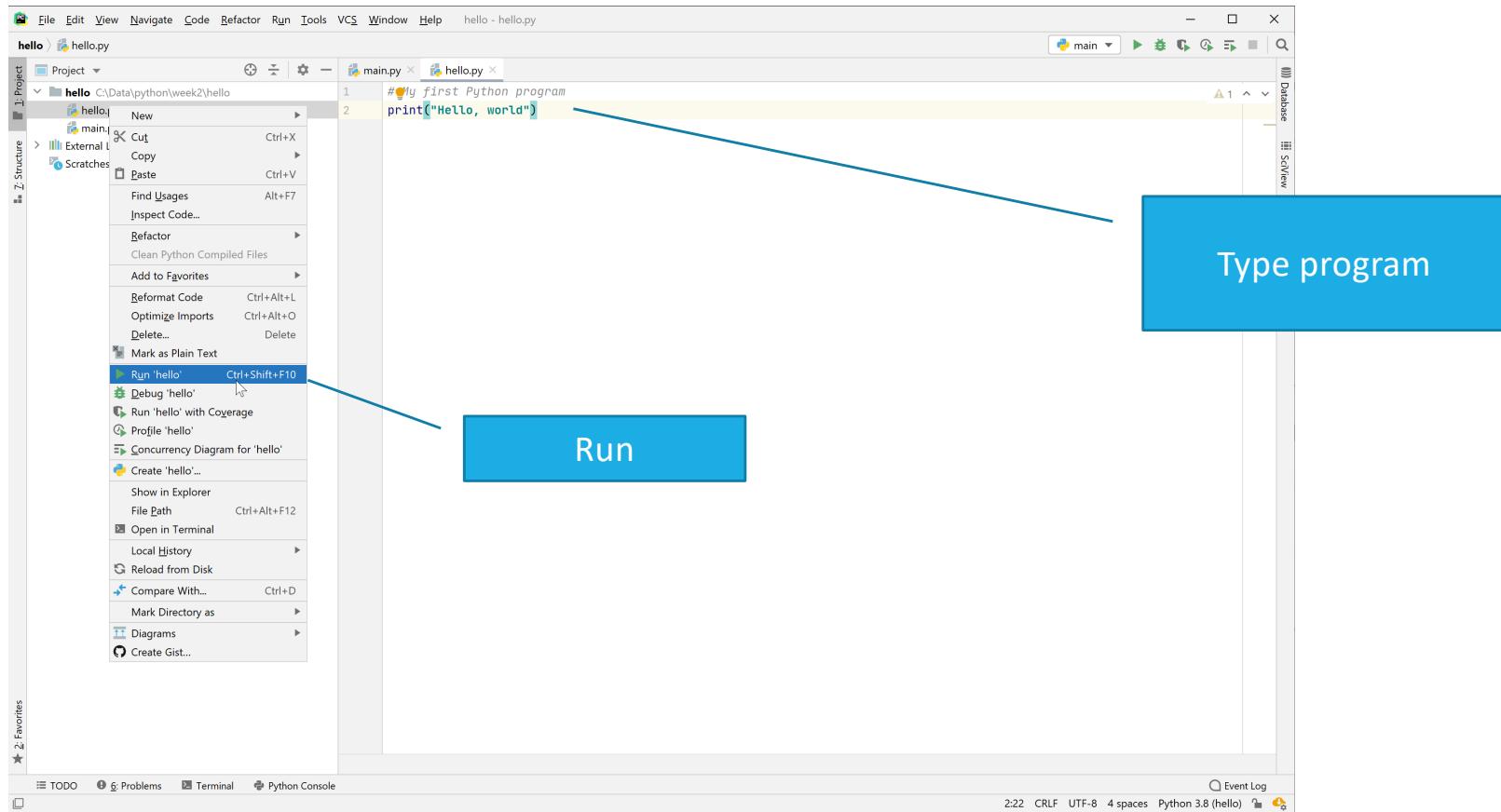
Programming with the PyCharm IDE



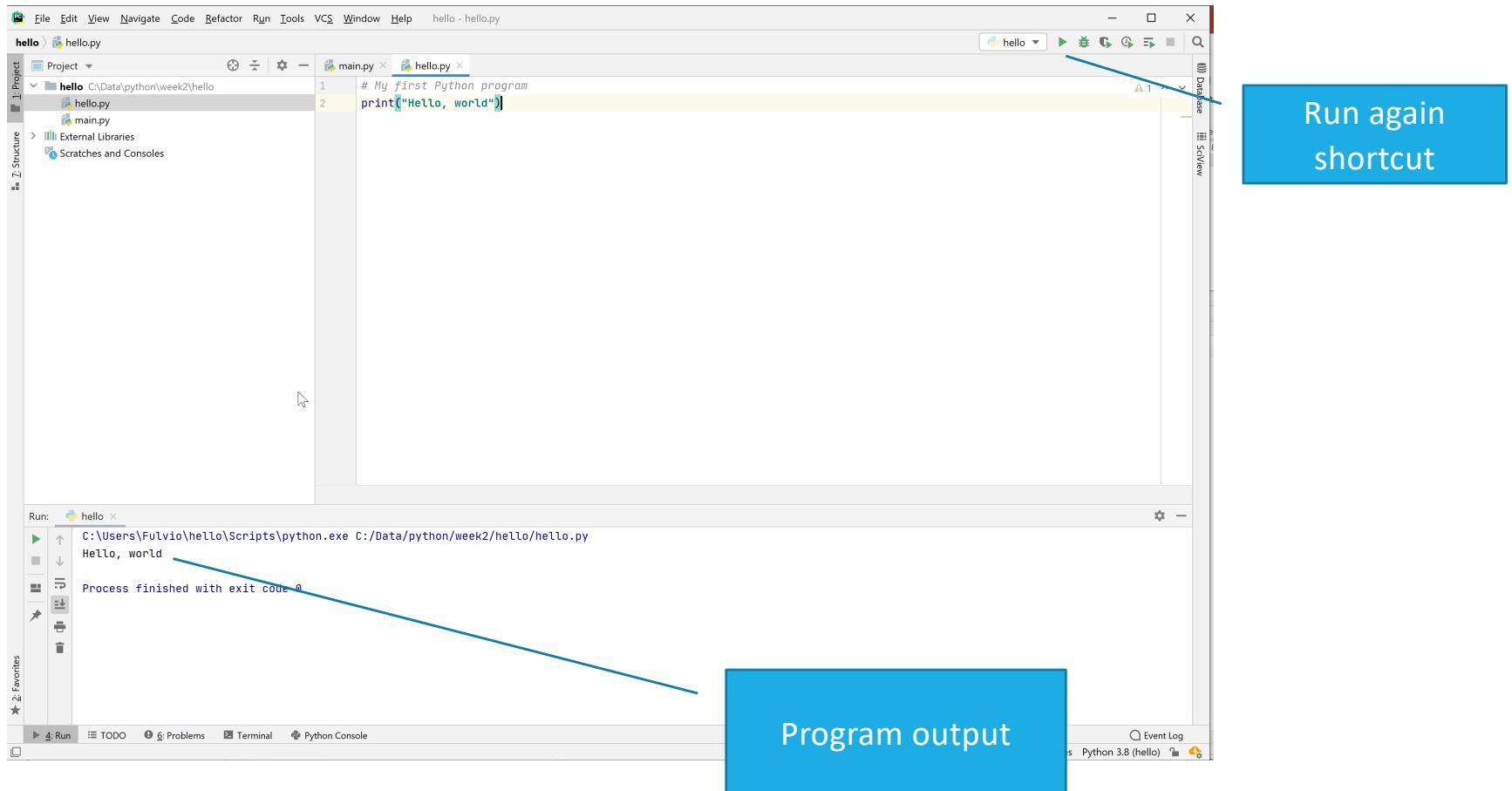
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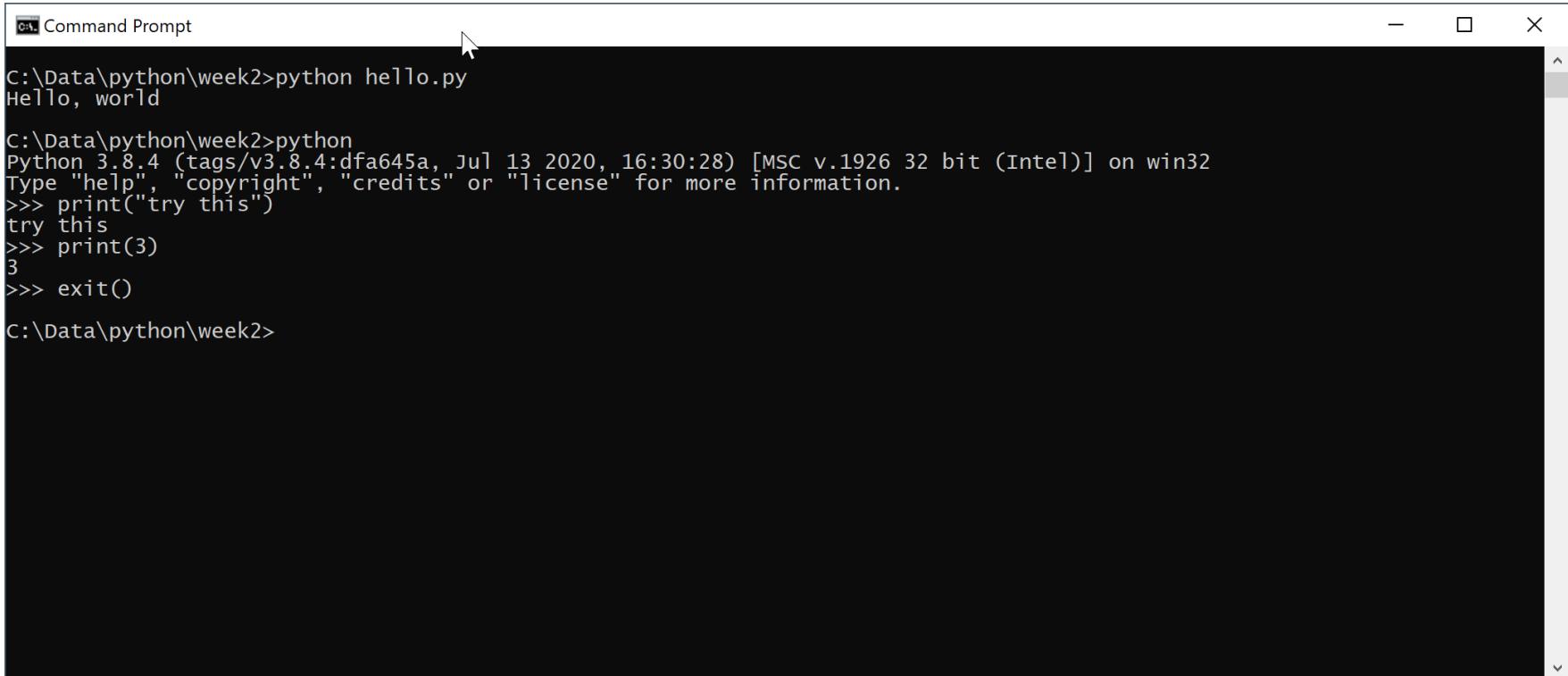
Organize your work

- Your ‘source code’ is stored in .py files
- Create a folder for this course
- Create one **project folder** per program inside the course folder
 - A program can consist of several .py files
- Backup your files regularly
 - To a USB flash drive (or more than one)
 - To a network drive (cloud service) or external hard drive
 - Do it. Really.

Python interactive mode

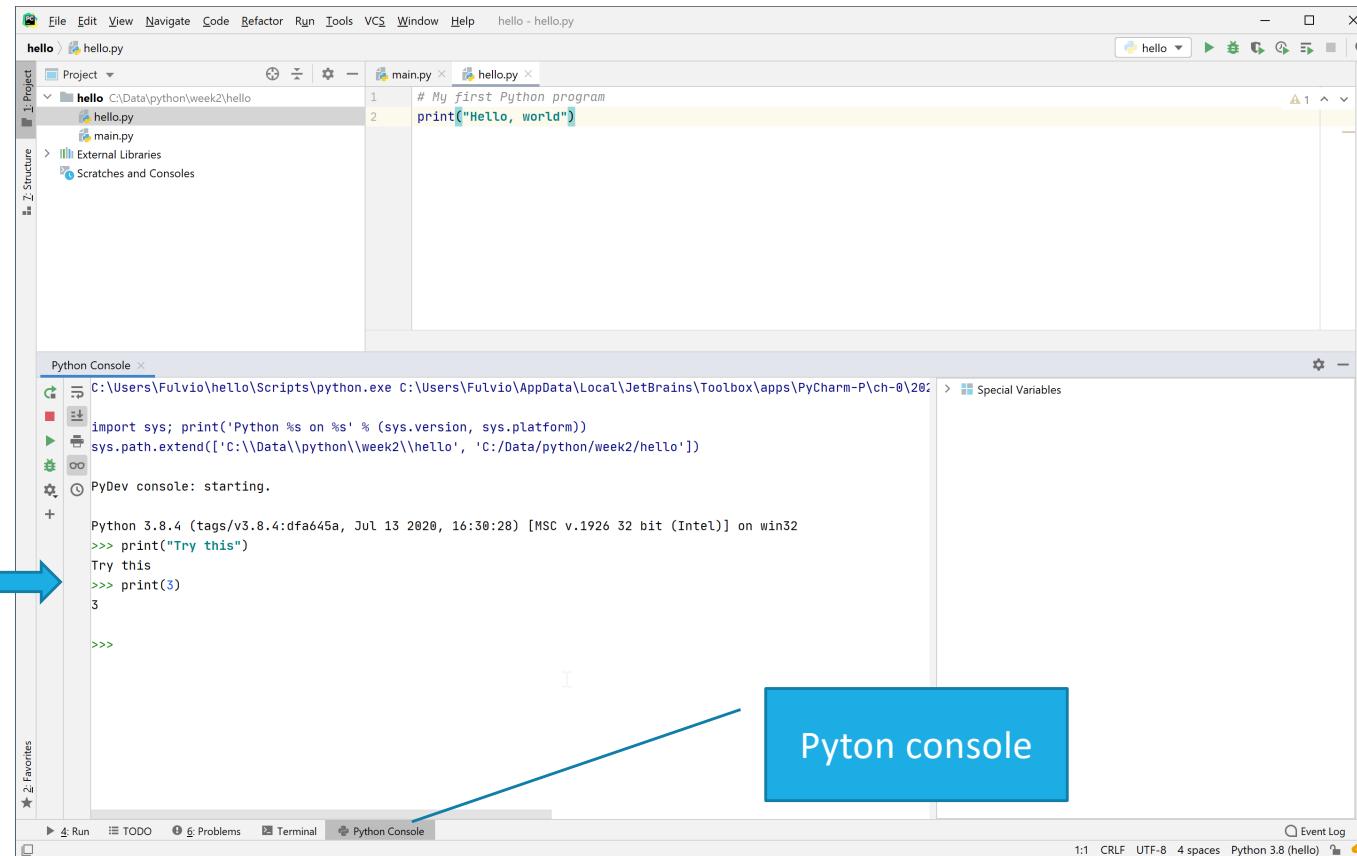
- The Python interpreter loads a file and executes all the instructions at once
 - Similar to other (compiled) languages
- Alternatively: in **interactive mode**, you can run instructions one at a time
 - It allows quick ‘test programs’ to be written
 - Try and experiment instructions
 - Interactive mode allows you to write python statements directly in the console window

Python interactive mode



```
Command Prompt
C:\Data\python\week2>python hello.py
Hello, world
C:\Data\python\week2>python
Python 3.8.4 (tags/v3.8.4:dfa645a, Jul 13 2020, 16:30:28) [MSC v.1926 32 bit (Intel)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> print("try this")
try this
>>> print(3)
3
>>> exit()
C:\Data\python\week2>
```

Python interactive mode



The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE interface. In the top navigation bar, the file 'hello.py' is selected. The main workspace displays two tabs: 'main.py' and 'hello.py'. The code in 'hello.py' is:

```
# My first Python program
print("Hello, world")
```

Below the editor is the 'Python Console' window, which contains the following session:

```
C:\Users\Fulvio\hello>python.exe C:\Users\Fulvio\AppData\Local\JetBrains\Toolbox\apps\PyCharm-P\ch-0\202.7553.15\bin\py.exe -m pydoc
import sys; print('Python %s on %s' % (sys.version, sys.platform))
sys.path.extend(['C:\\Data\\python\\week2\\hello', 'C:/Data/python/week2/hello'])

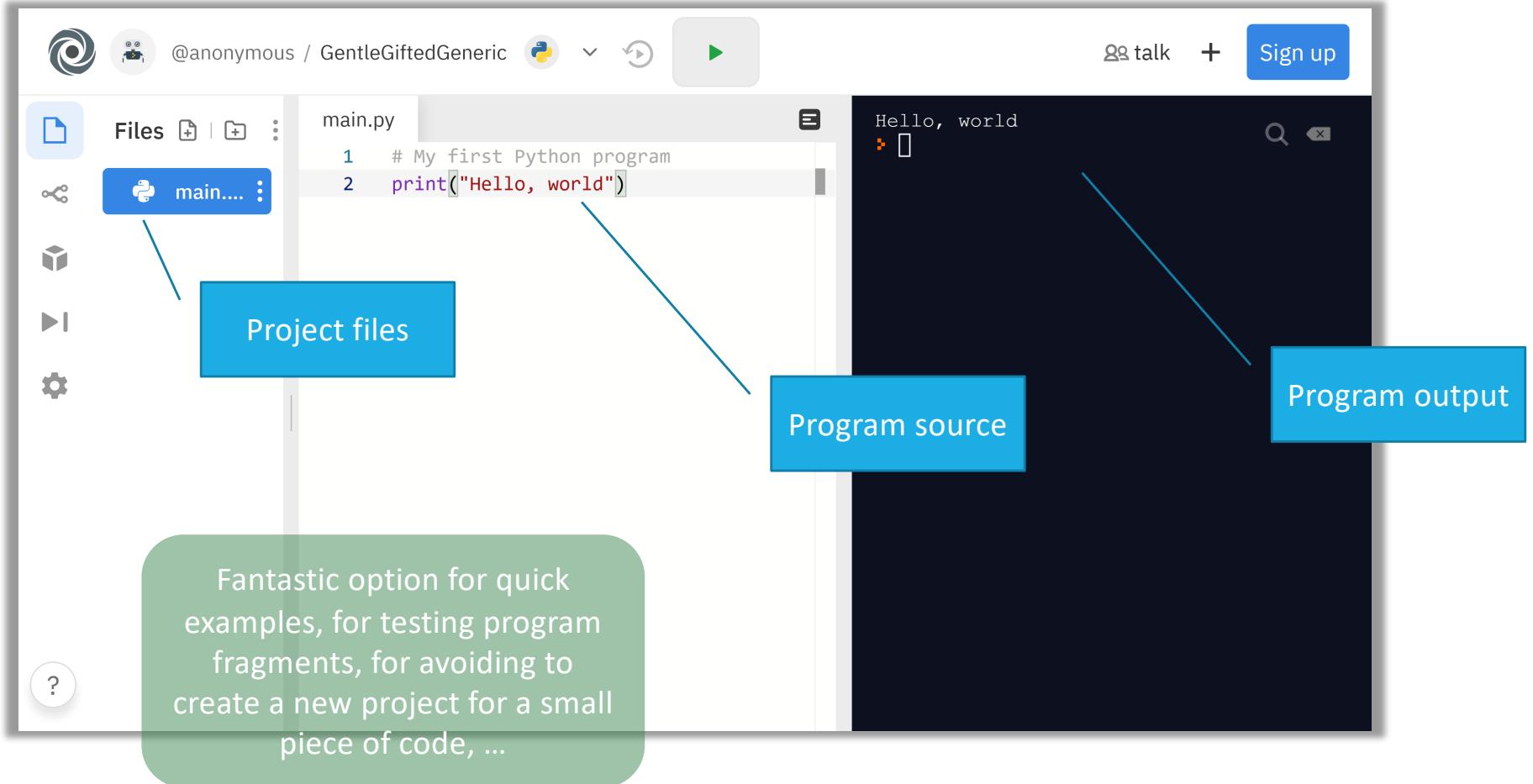
PyDev console: starting.

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>>> print(3)
3

>>>
```

A blue arrow points from the text 'Python interactive mode' in the slide to the 'Python Console' window. A blue callout box labeled 'Python console' is positioned over the console window.

On-line IDE: <https://repl.it/>



Basic Python Syntax: Print

- Using the Python `print()` function
 - A function is a collection of programming instructions (with a **name**) that carry out a particular task (in this case to print a value onscreen)
 - It's code that somebody else wrote for you!

Syntax

```
print()  
print(value1, value2, ..., valuen)
```

All arguments are optional. If no arguments are given, a blank line is printed.

```
print("The answer is", 6 + 7, "!")
```

The values to be printed,
one after the other,
separated by a blank space.

Syntax for Python Functions

- To use, or call, a function in Python you need to specify:
 - The name of the function that you want to use
 - In the previous example, the name was `print`
 - All values (arguments) needed by the function to carry out its task
 - in this case, "Hello World!"
 - Arguments are enclosed in parentheses
 - Multiple arguments are separated with commas.

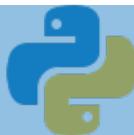
Strings

- A *sequence of characters* enclosed in quotations marks are called a *string*
 - May be enclosed in 'single quotes'
 - May be enclosed in "double quotes"

More examples of the `print` function

- Printing numerical values
 - `print(3 + 4)`
 - Evaluates the expression $3 + 4$ and displays 7
- Passing multiple values to the function
 - `print("The answer is", 6 * 7)`
 - Displays The answer is 42
 - Each value passed to the function is displayed, one after another, with a blank space after each value
- By default the `print` function starts a new line after its arguments are printed
 - `print("Hello")`
 - `print("World!")`
 - Prints two lines of text:
 - Hello
 - World!

Our Second Program (printtest.py)



```
##  
# Sample Program that demonstrates the print function  
#  
# Prints 7  
  
print(3 + 4)  
  
# Print Hello World! on two lines  
print("Hello")  
print("World!")  
  
# Print multiple values with a single print function call  
print("My favorite numbers are", 3 + 4, "and", 3 + 10)  
  
# Print Hello World! on two lines  
print("Goodbye")  
print()  
print("Hope to see you again")
```

Errors

COMPILE-TIME ERRORS

OR SYNTAX ERRORS

- Spelling, capitalization, punctuation
- Ordering of statements, matching of parenthesis, quotes, indentation, ...
- No executable program is created by the compiler
- Correct first error listed, then compile again
 - Repeat until all errors are fixed
- Usually detected and highlighted by the IDE

RUN-TIME ERRORS

OR LOGIC ERRORS

- The program runs, but produces unintended results
- The program may ‘crash’
- The most difficult to find and correct
 - Even for experienced programmers

Syntax Errors

- Syntax error are caught by the compiler
- What happens if you
 - Miss-capitalize a word `Print("Hello World!")`
 - Leave out quotes `print(Hello World!)`
 - Mismatch quotes `print("Hello World!')`
 - Don't match brackets `print('Hello'`
- Type each example above in the IDE
 - In the program source code
 - In the interactive Python console
 - What error messages are generated?

Logic Errors

- What happens if you
 - Divide by zero `print(1/0)`
 - Misspell output `print("Hello, Word!")`
 - Forget to output `Remove line 2`
- Programs will compile and run
 - The output may not be as expected
- Type each example above in the IDE
 - What error messages are generated?