CS50 - SECTION 6

10/23/18

POST-MORTEM ON PSET 5

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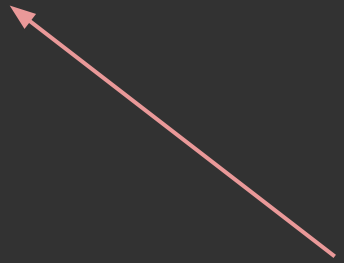
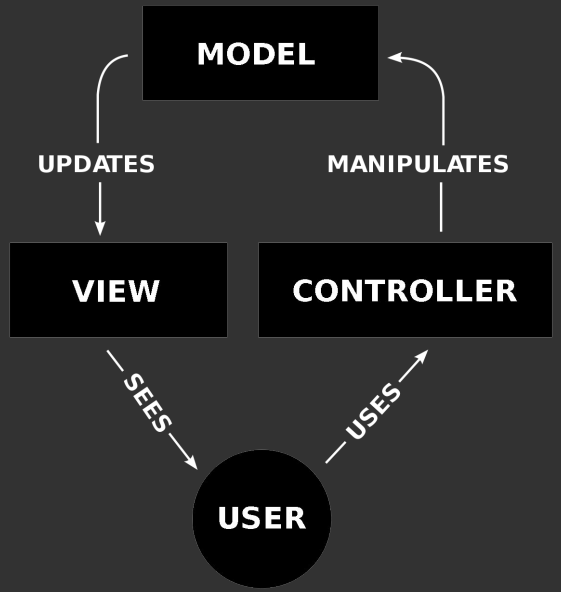


The `font-size` property is repeated and could be refactored into a CSS class property

QUICK REMINDERS

2. Don’t include large amounts of styling in your HTML.



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QUESTIONS?

Any questions about HTML, CSS, and/or JavaScript before we move forward?

CONCEPTS DEEP-DIVE

“SHORTS” FOR THE WEEK

https://youtu.be/8xCzjOnfQbw

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INTRODUCING PYTHON

- Python is a **dynamically typed** (types determined at runtime) and **strongly typed** (you can't mix types, such as trying to add an integer and string together) language
  - C is **statically typed** (types explicitly defined by you) and strongly typed
- Python is an **interpreted language** (instructions run line-by-line without compiling)
  - C was a **compiled language** (compiled into object files before you can run it)

INTRODUCING PYTHON

- What are the advantages/disadvantages of an interpreted language?

IMPORTANT CAVEAT

VARIABLES

- Variables in Python *do* have underlying types, despite the fact that we don't have to explicitly declare them

```
coursenum = 50
coursename = "Introduction to Computer Science I"
```

- When we reassign a variable in Python, it's like we "rip off the label" and point to another container (meaning types can change)

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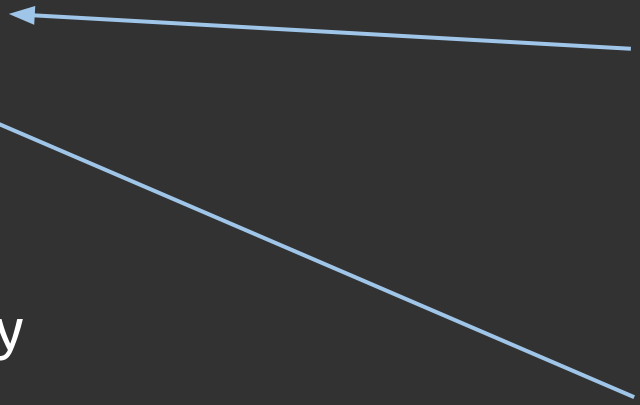

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Notice that we don't have an array of characters anymore!

TUPLES

- The most basic data structure in Python

```
t = (1, 2, "apple", 4.5)
```

- *Can* contain elements of different types
- Is immutable—You cannot increase/decrease it's size
  - Perhaps closest to an array in C
- Notice we use parentheses to create them

TUPLES

- Tuples allow for **unpacking**, in which you split up their values and assign them to different variables:

```
coordinate = (3, 2, 7)
x, y, z = coordinate
```

LISTS

- Similar to tuples, but are *not* immutable

```
l = [1, 2, "apple", 4.5]
```

- *Can* contain elements of different types
- You can increase/decrease their size as you wish
- Notice we use square brackets to create them

WORKING WITH LISTS

OPERATION	DESCRIPTION
`list.append(x)`	Appends an item `x`
`list.extend(x,y,z)`	Extends a list with items `x`, `y`, `z`
`list.insert(i, x)`	Inserts `x` at position `i`
`list.remove(x)`	Removes first item in the list whose value is equal to `x`
`del list[i:k]`	Removes elements from `i` to `k`

SETS

- Sets are unordered and contain no duplicate elements

```
basket = {'apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana'}
```

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WORKING WITH SETS

OPERATION	DESCRIPTION
`set.union(s)`	Returns all elements in `set` and/or `s`
`set.intersection(s)`	Returns all elements common to `set` and `s`
`set.difference(s)`	Returns all elements in `set`, but not `s`
`set.add(x)`	Adds element `x` to the set
`set.remove(x)`	Removes element `x` from the set

DICTIONARIES

- Dictionaries follow the key-value pair structure

```
tel = {'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139}
```

- *Can* contain elements of different types
- You can increase/decrease their size as you wish
- Notice we use curly brackets to create them
- You access a specific value by indicating the key it belongs to: `tel['jack']` returns `4098`

WORKING WITH DICTIONARIES

OPERATION	DESCRIPTION
`dict["existing_key"] = <val>`	Sets `existing_key` to `<val>`
`dict["new_key"] = <val>`	Adds `new_key` to dictionary and sets it equal to `<val>`
`del dict["existing_key"]`	Deletes the key-value pair for `existing_key` from the dictionary

FINDING THE LENGTH OF DATA STRUCTURES

- You can use `len(x)` to find the length of any data structure in Python

INTERACTIVE DEMO OF DATA STRUCTURES

http://bit.ly/2RbGQGB

CONDITIONALS

C

```c
int x = get_int();
if (x < 0)
{
    printf("x is negative\n");
}
else if (x > 0)
{
    printf("x is positive\n");
}
else
{
    printf("x is zero\n");
}
```

PYTHON

```python
x = cs50.get_int()
if x < 0:
    print("x is negative")
elif x > 0:
    print("x is positive")
else:
    print("x is zero")
```

SOME KEY DIFFERENCES WITH CONDITIONALS

- We use the keywords **`and`**, **`or`**, **`not`** instead of **`&&`**, **`||`**, **`!`**
- Use **`elif`** instead of **`else if`**
- No equivalent of the **`switch`** statement in Python
- Body code introduced with a `:` instead of `{}`
  - **Must be indented and whitespace matters!**

THE WHILE LOOP

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```c
while(i < 100)
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    printf("%i\n", ++i);
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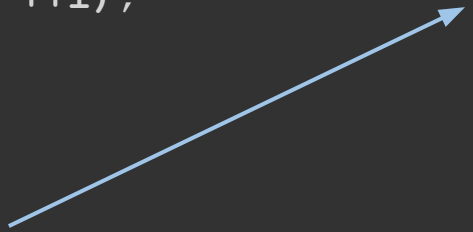

Notice the use of indentation and the : symbol

THE FOR LOOP

C

```c
for(int j = 0; j < 100; j += 2)
{
    printf("%i\n", j);
}
```

PYTHON

```python
for j in range(0, 101, 2):
    print(j)
```

THE FOR LOOP

- The **`while`** loop is quite similar to its C counterpart, but the **`for`** loop is much more robust and powerful in Python than in C
- **`for`** loops in Python don't actually iterate over indices, but instead iterate over sequences

```
for j in range(0, 101, 2):
    print(j)
```

`range()` returns a sequence from 0 to 101, counting up by 2 each time:

(0, 2, 4, …, 100)

FUNCTIONS

- Just like in C, we have functions which have an input and output
- However, functions are modified to fit the “Pythonic” style:
  - You don’t have to specify types for the parameter list
  - You don’t have to specify a return type (including for `void` functions)
  - Introduce functions with the `def` keyword

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Notice because we have simplified types (just `number`), we don't have to handle different number types individually

OBJECTS

- In C, we could create our own new “data types” by establishing structures:

```
struct address
{
  char name[50];
  char street[100];
  char city[50];
  char state[20];
  int pin;
};
```

OBJECTS

- Python has this functionality as well, but through **objects**
- Objects in Python can have properties and methods
  - Just like in C, **methods** are the fields of data we want to store
  - However, new to Python, we can also give objects **methods** which are functions inherently part of that object
- We used a **struct** to define the “template” of a structure in C, and we use a **class** to define an object’s “template” in Python

OBJECTS

```
class Student():
    def __init__(self, name, year="Freshman"):
        self.name = name
        self.year = year

    def endYear(self):
        if self.year == "Freshman":
            self.year = "Sophomore"
        elif self.year == "Sophomore":
            self.year = "Junior"
        elif self.year == "Junior":
            self.year = "Senior"
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Use the `class` keyword to define a new class

The **__init__** function is our object constructor

We can include as many functions as we want to define

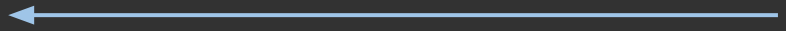
OBJECTS

```
# create two new students, one is a freshman
maria = Student("Maria", "Senior")
newkid = Student("John Harvard")

# everyone graduates at the end of the year
maria.endYear()
newkid.endYear()

# new years, now!
maria.info()
newkid.info()
```

Declaring new objects



Calling the methods of an object

OBJECTS

- When we create a struct in C, we can declare it empty (just reserving space for it in memory) or initialize it with values
  - Similarly, we can create a new *instance* of an object in Python with or without initialized values
  - Python looks for `__init__` in our class definition and starts there when you declare a new object

OBJECTS

- We use the `self` keyword so that our methods can operate on our object
  - You are effectively “passing” the object to its own methods to perform some set of operations on it
- You don’t need to use `self` when calling the methods of an object; This is done automatically for you
  - But `self` is always needed as the first parameter of every method you define in the class (if you want your methods to do something to the object itself)

HANDS ON PRACTICE

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HANDS ON PRACTICE - SOLUTIONS

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PROBLEM SET 6 PREVIEW

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Implement the following:

- `hello.py`
- `mario.py [less]` **OR** `mario.py [more]`
- `cash.py` **OR** `credit.py`
- `caesar.py` **OR** `crack.py` **OR** `vigenere.py`
- `bleep.py`

Be critical of your old C code as you port it to Python. Review the comments on your code, think about the design flaws you made, and optimize your algorithms in Python.

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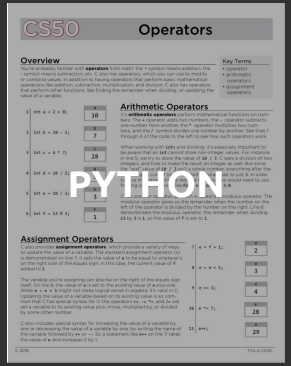

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PYTHON FOR AUTOMATION

Python is great for automation!

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