

Objectives

- More arithmetic operators
- Software development practices
 - Testing
 - Debugging
 - Iteration

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Review

- What are the two ways we can use Python?
- What are the commands we use to be able to use Python in those ways?

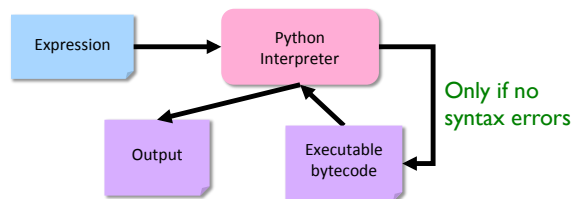
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Python Interpreter

1. Validates Python programming language expression(s)
 - Enforces Python syntax rules
 - Reports syntax errors
2. Executes expression(s) ← Have a lot of these early on!



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Two Modes to Execute Python Code

- **Interactive/Shell:** using the *interpreter*
 - Try out Python expressions
- **Batch:** execute *scripts* (i.e., files containing Python code)
 - What we'll write usually

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Lessons from Lab

- Look at examples!
 - “I was able to do this in that other program. How did I do that?”
- Explore!
 - Try things out in interactive mode
 - Then, put the ones that work into a script/program
- Follow all of the directions!

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Review: NOT Math Class

- Need to write out all operations explicitly
 - In math class, $a(b+1)$ meant $a * (b+1)$

Write this way in Python

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Review


- What are Python’s primitive data types and what do they represent?
- How do we name variables?
 - What is another word for “variable name” in programming?
- How do we give variables values?

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Parts of an Algorithm

- Input, Output
- Primitive operations 
 - What data you have, what you can do to the data
- Naming
 - Identify things we’re using
- Sequence of operations
- Conditionals
 - Handle special cases
- Repetition/Loops
- Subroutines
 - Call, reuse similar techniques

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Two Division Operators

/ Float Division

- Result is a **float**
- Examples:
 - $6/3 \rightarrow 2.0$
 - $10/3 \rightarrow 3.3333333333333335$
 - $3.0/6.0 \rightarrow 0.5$
 - $19/10 \rightarrow 1.9$

// Integer Division

- Result is an **int**
- Examples:
 - $6//3 \rightarrow 2$
 - $10//3 \rightarrow 3$
 - $3.0//6.0 \rightarrow 0.0$
 - $19//10 \rightarrow 1$

Integer division is the default division used in most programming languages

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Integer Division Practice

- $a = 12//4$
- $4 // 6 * 5.0$
- $b = 6/12$
- $6.0//12$
- $z = a / b$

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More on Arithmetic Operations

Symbol	Meaning	Associativity
+	Addition	Left
-	Subtraction	Left
*	Multiplication	Left
/	Division	Left
%	Remainder ("mod")	Left
**	Exponentiation (power)	Right

Precedence rules: **P E - DM% AS**

↑
negation

Associativity matters when you have the same operation multiple times. It tells you where you should start computing.

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Math Practice

$5 + 3 * 2$
 $2 * 3 ** 2$
 $-3 ** 2$
 $2 ** 3 ** 3$

How should we verify our answers?

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Modulo Operator: %

- Modular Arithmetic: Remainder from division
 - $x \% y$ means the remainder of $x//y$
 - Read as “x mod y”
- Example: $6 \% 4$
 - Read as “six mod four”
 - $6//4$ is 1 with a remainder of 2, so $6\%4$ evaluates to 2
- Works only with integers
 - Typically just positive numbers
- Precedence rules: P E - DM% AS

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Modulo Practice

- $7 \% 2$
- $3 \% 6$
- $6 \% 2$
- $7 \% 14$
- $14 \% 7$
- $6 \% 0$

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Brainstorm

- What useful thing does $\% 10$ do?
 - $3 \% 10 =$
 - $51 \% 10 =$
 - $40 \% 10 =$
 - $678 \% 10 =$
 - $12543 \% 10 =$
- What useful thing does $// 10$ do (integer division)?
 - $3 // 10 =$
 - $51 // 10 =$
 - $40 // 10 =$
 - $678 // 10 =$
 - $12543 // 10 =$
- What useful thing does $\% 2$ do?

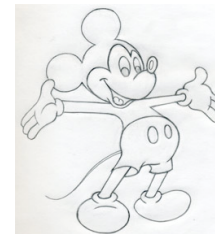
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Formalizing Process of Developing Computational Solutions

1. Create a sketch of how to solve the problem (the algorithm)



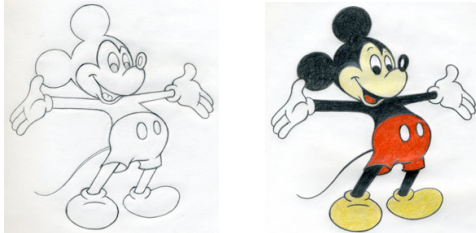
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Formalizing Process of Developing Computational Solutions

1. Create a sketch of how to solve the problem (the algorithm)
2. Fill in the details in Python



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Errors

- Sometimes the program doesn't work
- Types of programming errors:
 - Syntax error
 - Interpreter shows where the problem is
 - Logic/semantic error
 - `answer = 2+3`
 - No, answer should be `2*3`
 - Exceptions/Runtime errors
 - `answer = 2/0`
 - Undefined variable name

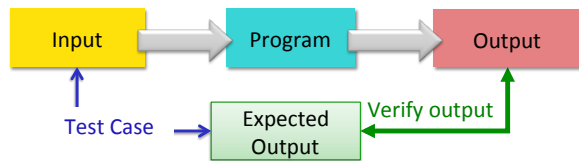
Expose errors when **Testing**

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Testing Process



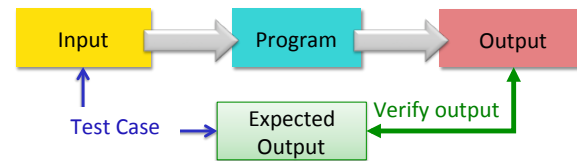
- Test case: **input** used to test the program, **expected output** given that input
- Verify if **output** is what you expected

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Testing Process



- Need **good test cases** to help determine if program is correct
 - Tester plays devil's advocate
 - Want to expose **all** errors!
 - Find before customer/professor!

If output is not what you expect...

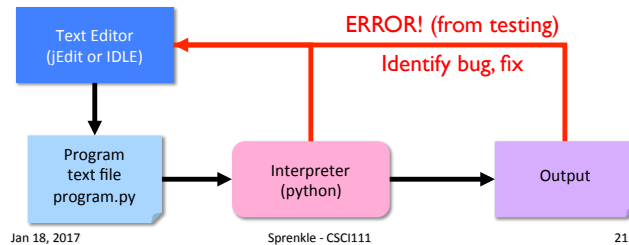
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Debugging

- After identifying errors during *testing*
- Identify the problems in your code
 - Edit the program to fix the problem
 - Re-execute/test until all test cases pass
- The error is called a “bug” or a “fault”
- Diagnosing and fixing error is called **debugging**



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Formalizing Process of Developing Computational Solutions

1. Create a sketch of how to solve the problem (the algorithm)
2. Fill in the details in Python
3. Test the Python program with *good* test cases
 - a. If errors found, debug program
 - b. Repeat step 3

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Practice: A Computational Algorithm

- Find the average of two numbers

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Practice: A Computational Algorithm

- Find the average of two numbers
- Test cases:

Input		Expected Output
num1	num2	

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A Computational Algorithm

- Algorithm for finding the average of two numbers:
 - Optional: get the two numbers from user
 - Alternative: “hard-code” two numbers
 - Calculate average
 - Print average
- Test cases for finding the average
 - Test both integers
 - Test with at least one float
 - Test numbers less than or equal to 0

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Looking Ahead

- Broader Issue:
 - [“What happens when an algorithm is sexist? New guidelines seek accountability”](#)
 - Check out the examples cited in the article
 - At least one of which you read the whole article

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