

PFTWeek

- **Introduce new Python concepts**
 - **Control: if, elif, else, for**
 - **Data: Strings, Lists**
 - Operators on data: slicing, methods, functions
 - **Variables and constants:**
 - Names, types, and values
- **Review Organization and Problem-Solving**
 - **Defining functions, calling functions**
 - **Return types, print, None**

Variables, Types, Values

- **Variable is a name associated with "storage"**
 - Assign a value: `x = 5`
 - Print value of variable: `print x`
 - Use variable in expression: `y = x * 55`
- **String is a type and has a value**
 - Assign: `x = "hello"`
 - Print value of variable: `print x`
 - Use in expression
 - `print len(x)`
 - `print x + " world"`
- **There are more types, this is a start!**



Vocabulary, grammar, rules: Python

- **Naming**

- The power of abstraction and parameterization
- What are parameters? What has them (Python, World)?

- **Types**

- What's used in computing? What's used in Python?
- Determine names of types in Python, use `type(..)`

- **Expressions and operators in Python**

- Arithmetic: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `%`, `**`, ...
- Boolean: `<`, `==`, `>`, `and`, ...
- String: `+`, `*`, `[]`, `[:]`, `::]`

Types and values in Python

- **Numbers are important, but not everything is a ...**
 - What is a number? In mathematics, in Python, in Java,
 - Integers, floating-point numbers, complex numbers, ...
 - We will worry about types, not speed or storage (though these are a concern sometimes)
 - 1,2,3 compared to 3.1415, 1.75, math.pi
 - 5/2 compared to 5.0/2 compared to 5//2
- **Strings are sequences of characters, "python.org"**
 - Somewhere these are converted to numbers: 0's and 1's
 - No real need to know this now.
 - Strings are immutable: make new ones, can't change them

Expressions, Operators, Types

- **Why is $3+5*4$ different than $(3+5)*4$?**
 - Where can you find information about precedence?
- **Why is $5/3$ different than $5.0/3$?**
 - What will happen in Python 3? Accommodate in 2.7?
- **What happens when operators go bad?**
 - What is "apple" + 3? What is "apple" + "pi"?
 - What is "apple" * 3? What is "apple" * "pi" ?
- **What is a variable in Python?**
 - Name, Type, Value

Observations about String literals

- Sometimes the details are tricky

- `"I " + "love " + 'Python'`

- `"I " + "love " + '"Python"'`

- `"I " + "love " + "'Python'"`

- When in doubt, use parentheses

- What is `"a" + "b" * 3`

- What is `"a" "b" * 3`

Names, Types, Values Revisited

```
name = "/data/poe.txt"  
ff    = open(name)  
st    = ff.read()  
words = st.split()  
print "# words in", name, "=", len(words)
```

- **What are the *names* in the code above?**
 - Why are names important?
- **What are the *types* in the code above?**
 - How do we get Python to help us answer this question
- **How do we re-use this code more generally**
 - The power of names! The power of functions!

Slicing and Indexing

- The Python types `str` (String) and `list` both support indexing and slicing

```
s = "blue devils at duke"  
0123456789012345678
```

- `s[1]`, `s[2]`, `s[0]`, `s[50]`
- `s[-1]`, `s[-4]`
- `s[5:11]`, `s[15:]`, `s[:4]`, `s[:]`
- `s[5:10:2]`, `s[:]`, `s[::-1]`

Value Expert

- Answer these questions

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Grace Murray Hopper (1906-1992)

- “third programmer on world's first large-scale digital computer”

➤ US Navy: Admiral

“It's better to show that something can be done and apologize for not asking permission, than to try to persuade the powers that be at the beginning”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1-vcErOPofQ>

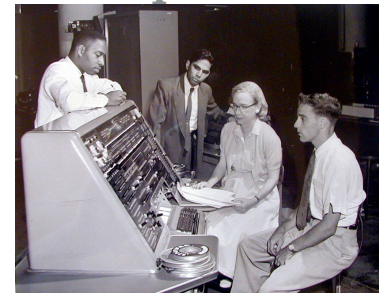
- ACM Hopper award given for contributions before 35

2010: Craig Gentry: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe-zmHoPW30>

2011: Luis von Ahn

2013: Pedro Felzenszab

2014: Sylvia Ratnasamy



APT Pancake: <http://bit.ly/pancakes101>

- **How do you solve this problem?**

- **First steps: are there simple cases that can be solved immediately?**
 - What are these for the pancake problem?
- **Sometimes it helps to know if you are on track, should you use Python to check your paper and pencil work?**



- **Get specific, solve for 5, not N**

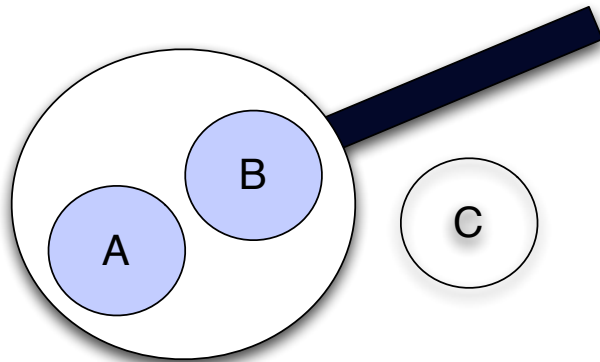
- **Fix one parameter, vary the other**
- **Identify the cases and continue**



Three pancakes in a two-cake pan...

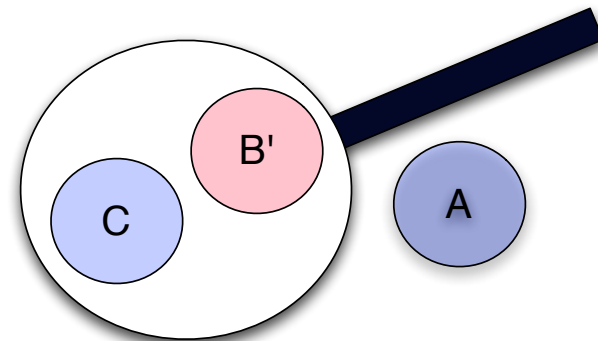
- Number of cakes in the system

➤ First 5 minutes



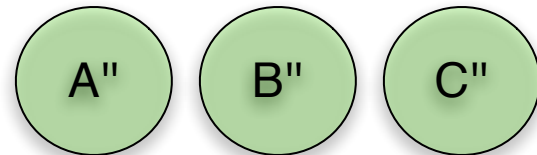
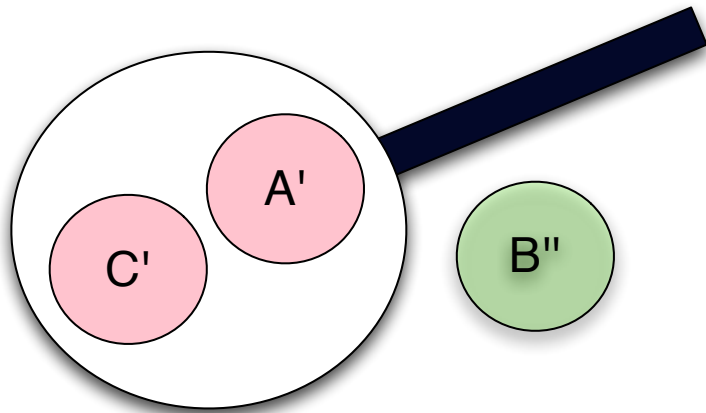
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➤ Second 5 minutes



Three pancakes in a two-cake pan...

- Number of cakes in the system
 - Third 5 minutes
- How many minutes to cook all three pancakes?



Algorithmic Problem/Program Testing

- Complete this form about Pancakes and one other APT (read the other one from form)

<http://bit.ly/101fall15-0908-1>

How to teach pancake flipping

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_gxLKSsSIE
 - Is this computer science? <http://bit.ly/zykOrh>
 - For longer, more complex robotic tasks
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4usoE981e7I>

- **Back to specifics:**

- Capacity = 5
- Numcakes = 1,2,...5?
- Numcakes = 6,7,8,9,10?
- Numcakes = 11,12,13,14,15?

- **Is five special? 4? 3? 2?**

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Language and Problems in Context

- **Convert Spanish Wikipedia page to English**
 - **How do we convert HTML to text?**
- **How do you determine if 2040 is a leap year?**
 - **Any specified year is a leap year?**
- **How do we make an image larger, more red, ...**
 - **What is an image? How do read it? Convert it? Access it?**
- **Make "Jones, Howard" from "Howard Jones"**

What years are leap years?

- 2000, 2004, 2008, ...

- But not 1900, not 2100, yes 2400!
- Yes if divisible by 4, but not if divisible by 100 unless divisible by 400! (what?)

```
def is_leap_year(year):  
    if year % 400 == 0:  
        return True  
    if year % 100 == 0:  
        return False  
    if year % 4 == 0:  
        return True  
    return False
```

- There is more than one way to skin a cat, but we need at least one way

Three versions of is_vowel

```
def is_vowel(ch):  
    if ch == 'e':  
        return True  
    if ch == 'a':  
        return True  
    if ch == 'i':  
        return True  
    if ch == 'o':  
        return True  
    if ch == 'u':  
        return True  
    return False
```

```
def is_vowel(ch):  
    c = "aeiou".count(ch)  
    if c > 0:  
        return True  
    else:  
        return False
```

```
def is_vowel(ch):  
    return "aeiou".count(ch) > 0
```

Python if statements and Booleans

- **In python we have if: else: elif:**
 - Used to guard or select block of code
 - If guard is True then, else other
- **What type of expression used in if/elif tests?**
 - ==, <=, <, >, >=, !=, and, or, not, in
 - Value of expression must be either True or False
 - Type == bool, George Boole, Boolean,
- **Examples with if**
 - String starts with vowel (useful for APT Emphasize)



Eclipse Interlude

- **Finishing the Pancake problem**
 - Translating problem-solving ideas to code
 - Control with `if/elif`: arithmetic with `/` and `%`



Lessons: special cases, abstractions

- **There are special cases in many, many problems**
 - Identifying them is important
 - Abstracting them away when possible is important
 - Example: Pancake APT
 - What happens when everything fits in the pan?
 - Can there be a pan with no capacity?
- **Solve problems by hand, pencil, brain**
 - Can you do pancakes for any pan-size and number? If not, can't write code!

Software Dreams

- **Translating ideas into (Python) code**
 - Create interesting “heads”, “totem poles” ?
 - Create software for face recognition? Gait?
 - Create "five four" from "four five"?
 - Create "SCUBA" from "self contained underwater breathing apparatus"
- **Master the syntax of the language?**
 - Organization of program constructs
 - Knowledge of libraries
 - Practice and experience!

Anatomy of a Python String

- **String is a sequence of characters**
 - Functions we can apply to sequences: len, slice [:], others
 - Methods applied to strings [specific to strings]
 - st.split(), st.startswith(), st.strip(), st.lower(), ...
 - st.find(), st.count()
- **Strings are *immutable* sequences**
 - Characters are actually length-one strings
 - Cannot change a string, can only create new one
 - What does upper do?
 - See resources for functions/methods on strings
- ***Iterable*: Can loop over it, *Indexable*: can slice it**



Lynn Conway

See Wikipedia and lynnconway.com

- **Joined Xerox Parc in 1973**
 - **Revolutionized VLSI design with Carver Mead**
- **Joined U. Michigan 1985**
 - **Professor and Dean, retired '98**
- **NAE '89, IEEE Pioneer '09**
- **Helped invent dynamic scheduling early '60s IBM**
- **Transgender, fired in '68**



From high- to low-level Python

```
def reverse(s):  
    r = ""  
    for ch in s:  
        r = ch + r  
    return r
```

7 0 LOAD_CONST 1 ('')
 3 STORE_FAST 1 (r)

8 6 SETUP_LOOP 24 (to 33)
 9 LOAD_FAST 0 (s)
 12 GET_ITER
>> 13 FOR_ITER 16 (to 32)
 16 STORE_FAST 2 (ch)

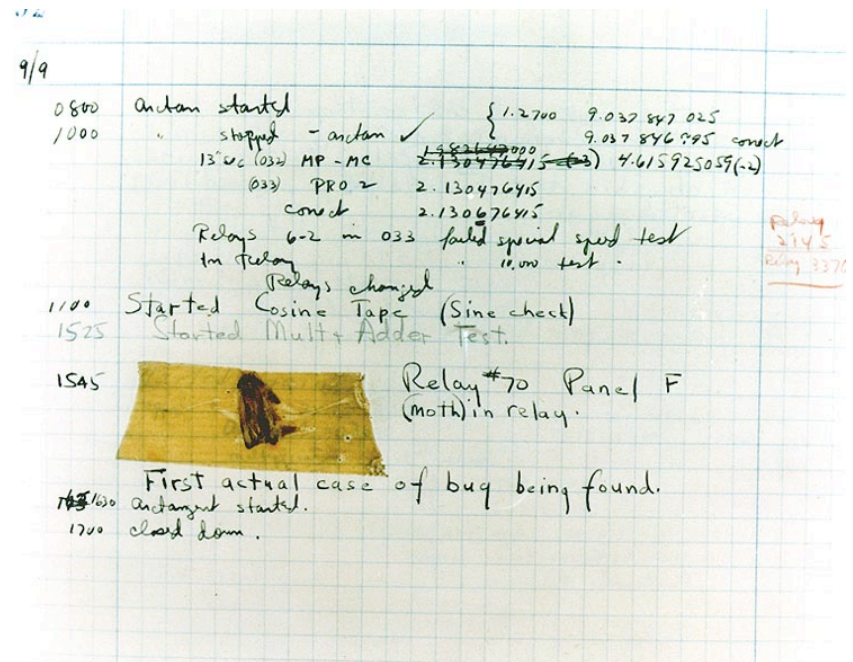
9 19 LOAD_FAST 2 (ch)
 22 LOAD_FAST 1 (r)
 25 BINARY_ADD
 26 STORE_FAST 1 (r)
 29 JUMP_ABSOLUTE 13
>> 32 POP_BLOCK

10 >> 33 LOAD_FAST 1 (r)
 36 RETURN_VALUE

- Create version on the right using disassembler
 `dis.dis(code.py)`

Bug and Debug

- software 'bug'
- Start small
 - Easier to cope
- Judicious 'print'
 - Debugger too



- Verify the approach being taken, test small, test frequently
 - How do you 'prove' your code works?