Compsci 101
Lists, Mutation, Objects
Live Lecture

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Announcements

• Assign 1 Totem, due Thursday, Feb 11
• Lab 3 Friday, Do Prelab 3 before lab
  • Note do prework for Feb 11, before Prelab 3
• Sakai QZ due by lecture time each day
  • Exam 1 – Tuesday, Feb 16
  • Need SDAO letters for exams!
  • Email them to Ms. Velasco
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Genesis Bond ‘16

• Struggled at Duke
  • 5 years
  • Dismissed 1 semester due to grades
• Revature
  • Trainer Full Stack Development
  • She worked smarter
• Facebook Engineer, big success!

“One poor preparation promotes poor performance.
In anything you do, your preparation will show.”

One Hour Rule for Getting Help

Work on Material

Has it been an hour?

Stuck

No

Yes

Get Help
Exam 1 – Feb 16, 2021

• All topics through Thur. Feb 11 except loops
  • Understand/Study
    • Reading, lectures
    • Assignment 1, APT-1,
    • Labs 0-3 (except for loops in Lab 3)
  • Old tests and solutions on resources tab
    • See recommended ones posted today
• Logistics:
  • Online, More details next time
  • Pick a time to take it on Feb 16

Slicing Python Sequences

• s="hello world"
• l=["my", "big", "beautiful", "world"]
• Slicing provides sub-sequence (string or list)
• seq[n:m] – all elements i, s.t. n <= i < m
• Compare s[0:3] and l[0:3]
• What is length of subsequence? seq[2:4]
• Compare s[4:-1] and l[2:-1]
• Is last index part of subsequence?

• We can omit value, e.g., s[2:] or s[:3], good shortcut!
WOTO-1 Slicing

Debugging

• Finding what is wrong + fixing it
  • Finding is its own skill set, and many find difficult
  • Fixing: revisit Step 1—5

How Not To Debug

• Bad (but tempting) way to debug
  • Change a thing. Does it work now?
  • No … another change … how about this?
• Trust doctor if they say?
  • “Ok try this medicine and see what happens?”
• Trust mechanic if they say?
  • “Let’s replace this thing and see what happens”

It may be easy, but that doesn’t make it a good idea!

Debugging Steps

1. Write down exactly what is happening
   1. input, output, what should be output
   2. ____ happened, but ____ should happen
2. Brainstorm possible reasons this is happening
   1. Write down list of ideas
3. Go through list
4. Found it?
   1. Yes, fix it using the 7-steps
   2. No, go back to step 2

Remember: One-hour rule

This is what experts do!
Debugging Steps

Write down what is happening → Brainstorm → Go through list → Found problem? → Yes! Fix it! → No

WOTO-2 – Relate W’s to Debugging

- Who was involved?
- What happened?
- Where did it take place?
- When did it take place?
- Why/How did it happen?

Step 7 -> Steps 1-4 or 5

Which year is a leap year?

- A Leap Year must be divisible by four.
- But Leap Years don't happen every four years … there is an exception.
  - If the year is also divisible by 100, it is not a Leap Year unless it is also divisible by 400.
WOTO: Buggy Leap Year

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

Input: 1900
Output: True
Should be: False

Another Example:
Function withCutOff

- This function should calculate an overall quiz score, using the total points of all your quizzes.
- If you earn 75% or more of the total points you get a 100% or 1.0
- If you earn less than 75% then your score is the total number of points you have, divided by the number of points that would represent 75% of the score.

withCutOff Function Examples

- Example 1, total points is 100, you have 90 points
  - 75% of points is 75 points, you have many more
  - Your score is 100% or 1.0.
- Example 2, total points is 100, you have 60 points
  - 75% of points is 75
  - your score is 60/75 is 80% or 0.8.
- Example 3, total points is 134, you have 50 points
  - 75% of points is 100, (134*0.75 is 100)
  - Your score is 50/100 is 50% or 0.5.

WOTO: Buggy withCutOff function
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Input: (1, 1)
Output: Error
Should be: 1.0

Mutating Lists

- `lt = ['Hello', 'world']`
  - Change to: ['Hello', 'Ashley']
- Concatenation: `lt = [lt[0]] + ['Ashley']`
- Index: `lt[1] = 'Ashley'`

- How change 'b' in `lt = [1, 'a', [2, 'b']]`?
  - `lt[2][1] = 'c'`

WOTO-5 List Mutation