Compsci 101 Introduction

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```
st = f.read().decode('utf-8')
st = st.lower()
total = len(st)
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Barbara Liskov

- Among first women in US to earn Ph.D. in Computer Science: 1968
- Turing Award 2008, Software Engineering and Programming Languages
- Object-Oriented
 - CLU
- Liskov Substitution Principle



B is for ...



- Bug
 - What you will always have and need to fix
- Bits
 - Zeros and Ones that are our C,G,A,T
- Break
 - An easy way out of a loop
- Boolean
 - Type that's true or false

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Announcements

- Survey coming out
 – complete this week
- Lab 1 is Friday
- Prelab 1 before lab

 Install Python/Pycharm
 - Ways to get help:
 - Office hours, consulting hours
 - Post on Ed Discussion what type of machine, etc
 - https://colab.duke.edu/resources
- Ed Discussion Back channel during lecture
- QZ03 and reading due Thursday at 10:15am
- Assignment 1 Blockly due 1/18

Is this the right course for you?

- CompSci 101
 - beginner
 - · little or no programming experience
- CompSci 201
 - 4/5 on AP CS A
 - OR Programming Experience in Python or Java or ?
 - Problem solving with arrays or lists
 - Looping structures (while/for)
 - Writing functions/methods
 - Problem solving with Sets, Dictionaries or maps?

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Can't take CompSci 101 if

- You already took CompSci 201, or CompSci 116, or ENG 103
- · You won't get credit for this course
- · This is a beginner course

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Practice, Practice, Practice

Practice results in Success

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Don't get behind!!!

Difficult to catch up...

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Understanding Code

- · We will look at an interesting Python program
 - Try to figure out what it does
- You Likely Will NOT understand all this code
- Maybe none of it
- That's OK

Plan for the Day (PFTD)

- Look at a sample Python Program
 - OK if you don't understand it all
- How to run Python Code
 - Run complete program in Pycharm
 - Short code segments with Python Console
 - Python Console is in Pycharm
- Names, types, and values in Python
- Functions in Python

How Breakout Groups Work with Google form links

- Given a bitly link
 - Type it in OR click on it on the calendar
 - http://bit.ly/101s22-0111
- · What you should do:
 - Introduce yourselves
 - Each person fills out the google form
 - · Includes your email, name and netid
 - · Discuss each question and fill out
 - Be mindful of time

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WOTO-1 Understanding Code http://bit.ly/101s22-0111-1

WOTO-2 Understanding Code http://bit.ly/101s22-0111-2

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Names, Types, and Values

- Relate to a file. Consider: homework.pdf
- What is its name?
- What is its type?
- What is its value?

Names, Types, and Values

- Relate to a file. Consider: cats.jpg
- What is its name?
- What is its type?
- What is its value?

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Numeric Python Building Blocks

- Numbers are not everything! But good start
 - Values and arithmetic expressions
 - Integer aka int: 0, 3, -2, 5, ...
 - Float: 2.5, 3.6673, 1.938e+120
 - Operators: +, -, *, /, **
 - Operators: // and %
- Demo in Python Console

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Interactive Console

- Short way to look at Python values and expressions
- Look in the bottom left corner of PyCharm
- Click on "Python Console"



Summary of Numbers

- Integers are arbitrarily large in Python 3
- Float values do not have infinite precision
 - Floats are for decimal values
- Be attentive to parentheses and precedence
- Understand / and // and %
 - Modulus or remainder.

Python Strings

- A string is a sequence of characters
 - String literals use single or double quotes
 - "hello" and 'world' are both strings
- Operators we'll use: + and [:]
 - Concatenation and Slicing
 - Adding and taking apart?
 - · Today just adding
- Demo in Python Console

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Types and Conversion

- How do you convert a .jpg to a .png?
 - Change the bits from one format to another
- Can we add a string and an integer?
 - What does 5 + "cow" mean?
 - What does 5 * "cow" mean?
 - Why?

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Using Python Console

- Not writing a whole program
- Just checking out values or writing simple code
- What is the difference in Python Console of:

Variables

- We use variables to store values so we can use them and re-use them in expressions
 - Name associated with storage (spot in memory)
 - Assign value to a variable
- How to read: num = 5, word = "hello"
 - Why say 'gets' or 'is assigned' and not 'equals'
 - We'll use 'equals' later to mean equality

Variable idea num = 6

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Anatomy of a variable

- Variables in Python have a type, changeable
 - Initially var = 5, change to var = "hello"
 - Use the type(..) function to determine type, but documentation/comments are better
- Variables are names/labels, references to an object stored elsewhere (basically)
 - My address is "202 Main Street"
 - That's the name/label, my house is elsewhere
 - For var = "hello", the string is elsewhere

Subtleties

- Variables on LHS and RHS
 - Value compared to Name
 - LHS Left Hand Side
 - RHS Right Hand Side

$$num1 = 17$$

$$num2 = num1 + 12$$

- What happens here?
 - Value compared to Name
- var2 = var1 + 12var1 = "hi"var2 = var1 * 3

var1 = 17

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• In expressions? What is value

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