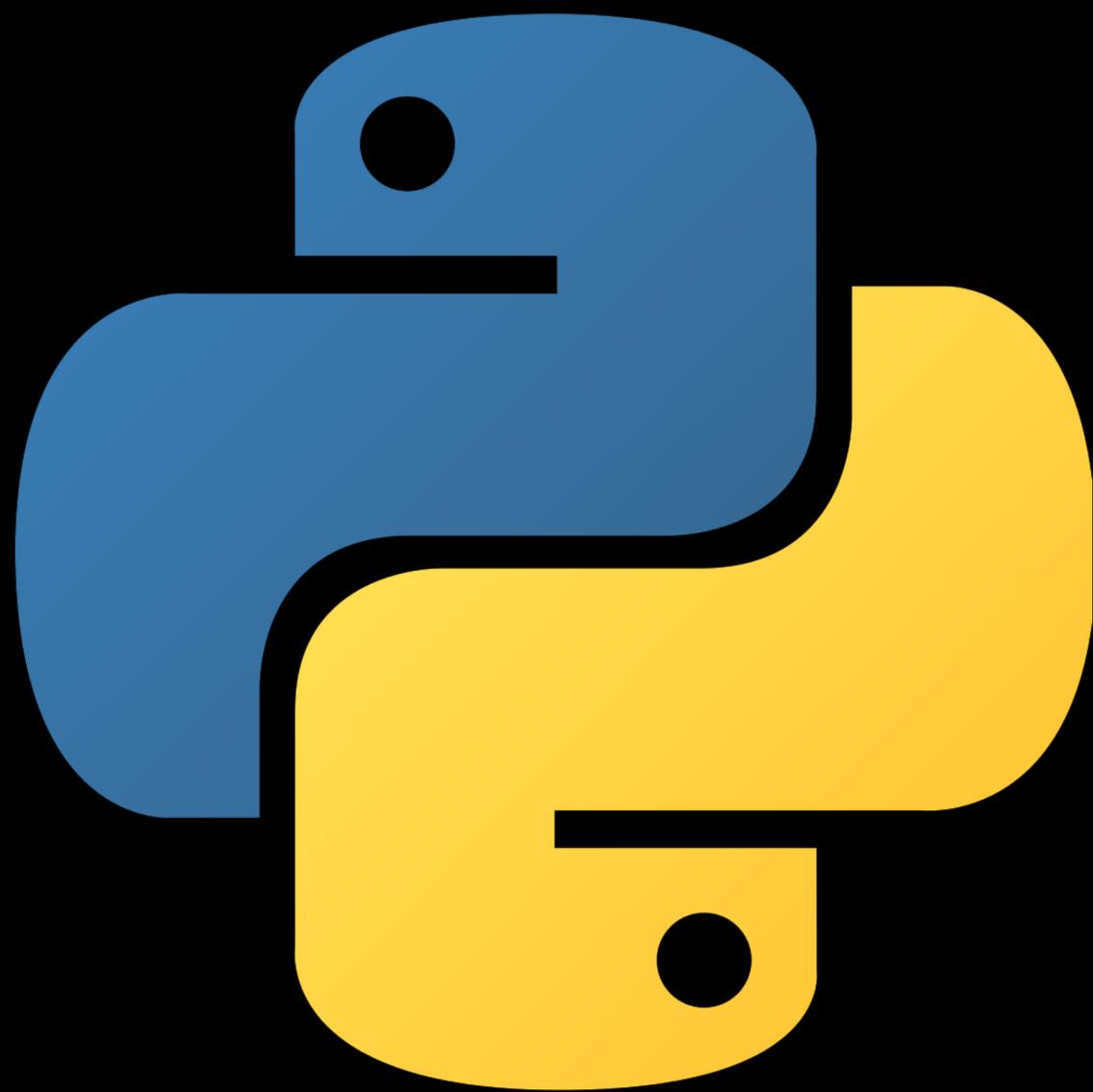


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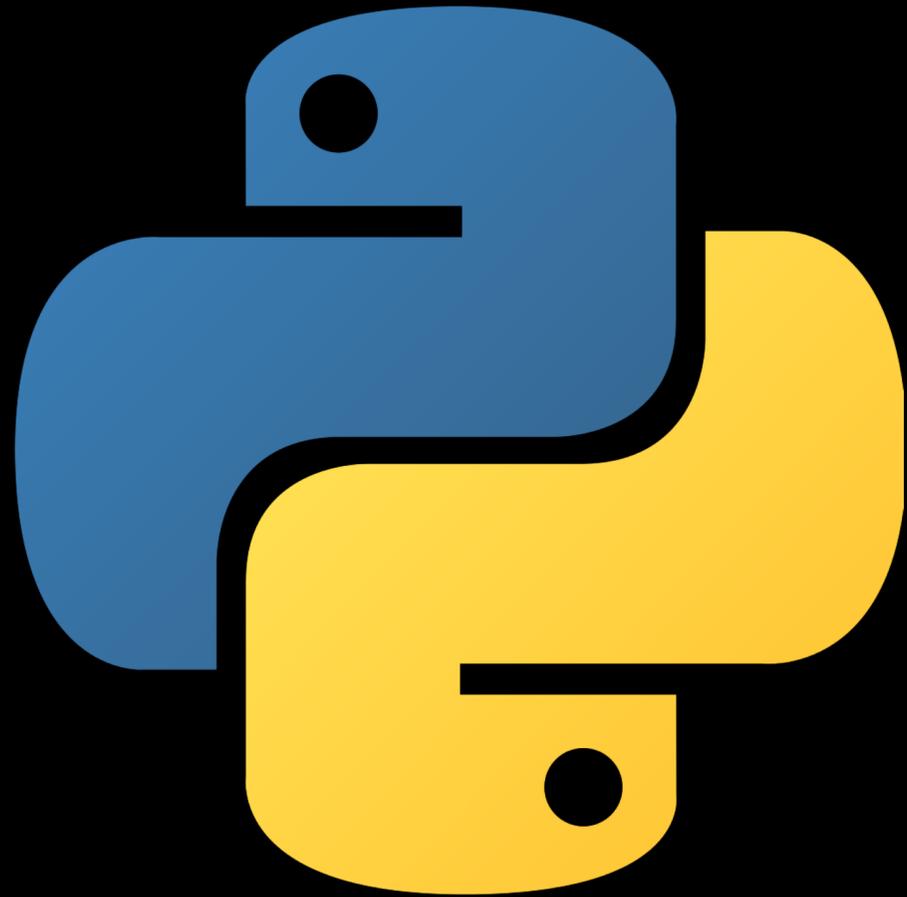
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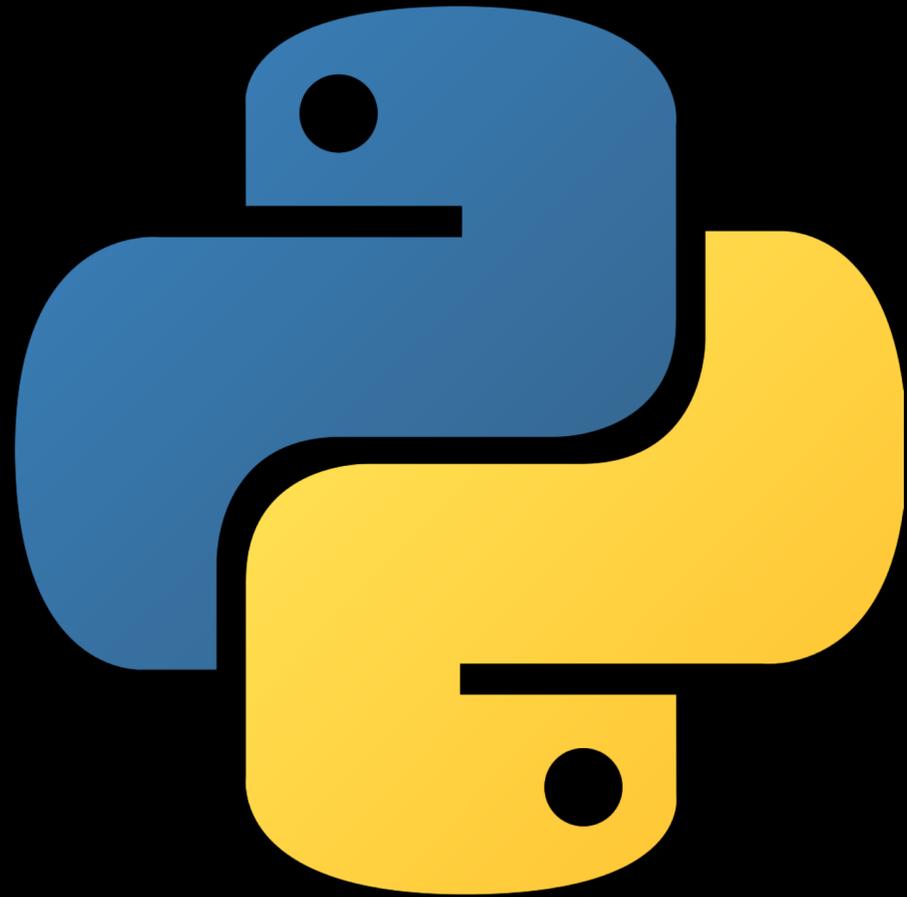




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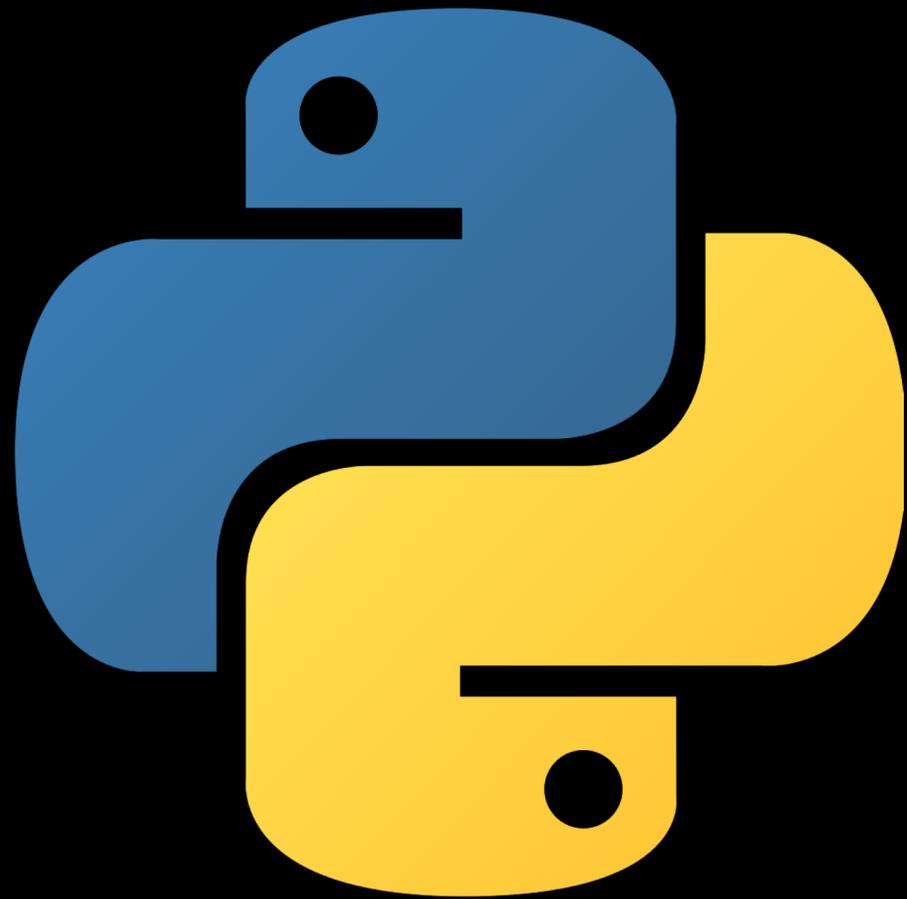


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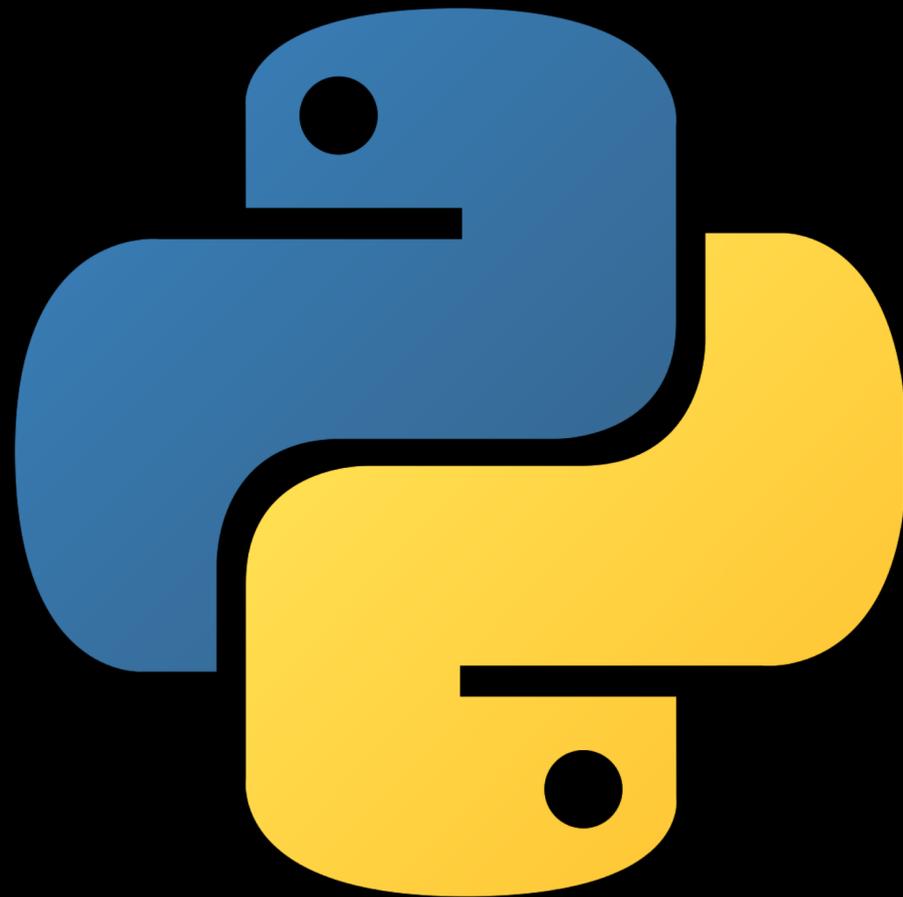
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public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
    }  
}
```



# "Hello World" in C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
}
```

Double Yuck

“Hello World” in Python

```
print("Hello world!")
```

Who Uses Python?

# Python at Stanford

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COMM 177P: Programming in Journalism

COMM 382: Big Data and Causal Inference

CS 375: Large-Scale Neural Network Modeling for Neuroscience

GENE 211: Genomics

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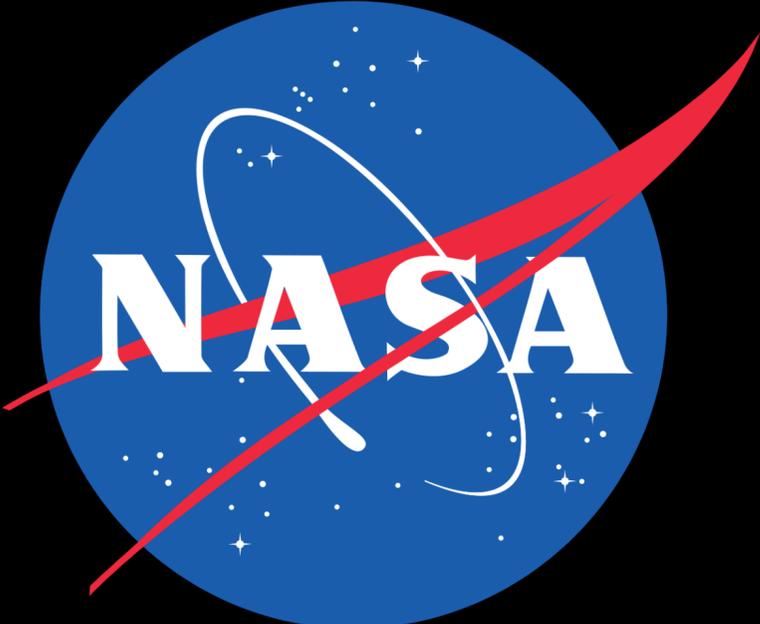
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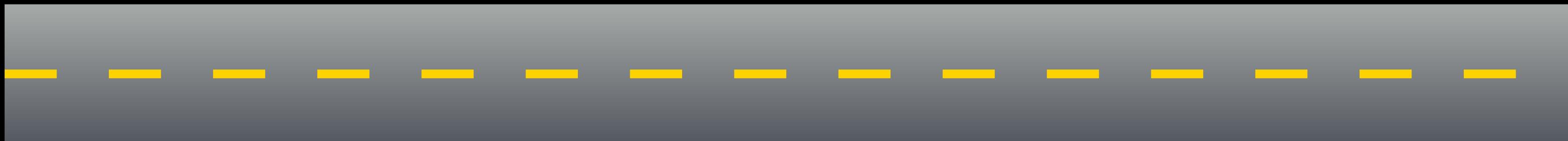
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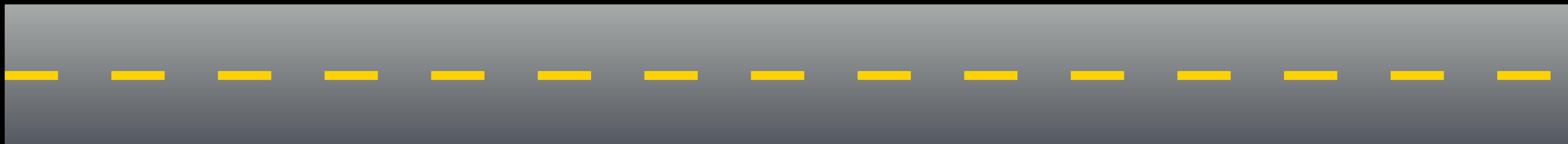
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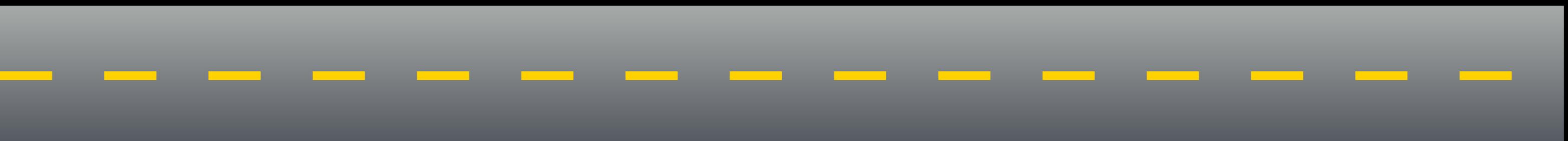
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# The Road Ahead - Python Tools



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**Week 8** Ecosystem

**Week 9** Advanced Topics

**Week 10** Projects!

Let's Get Started!

# Python Basics



Interactive Interpreter

Comments

Variables and Types

Numbers and Booleans

Strings and Lists

Console I/O

Control Flow

Loops

Functions

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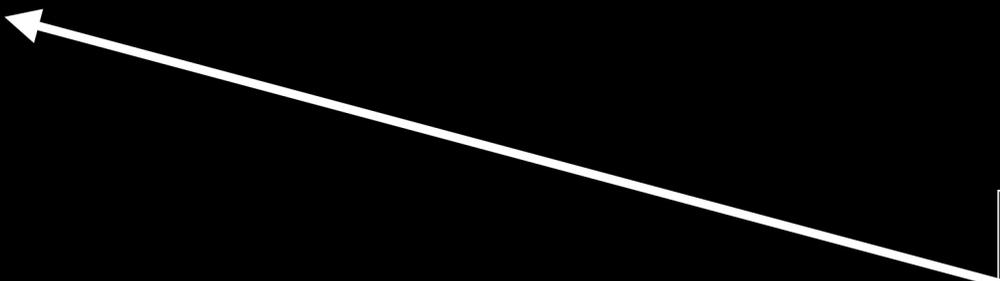
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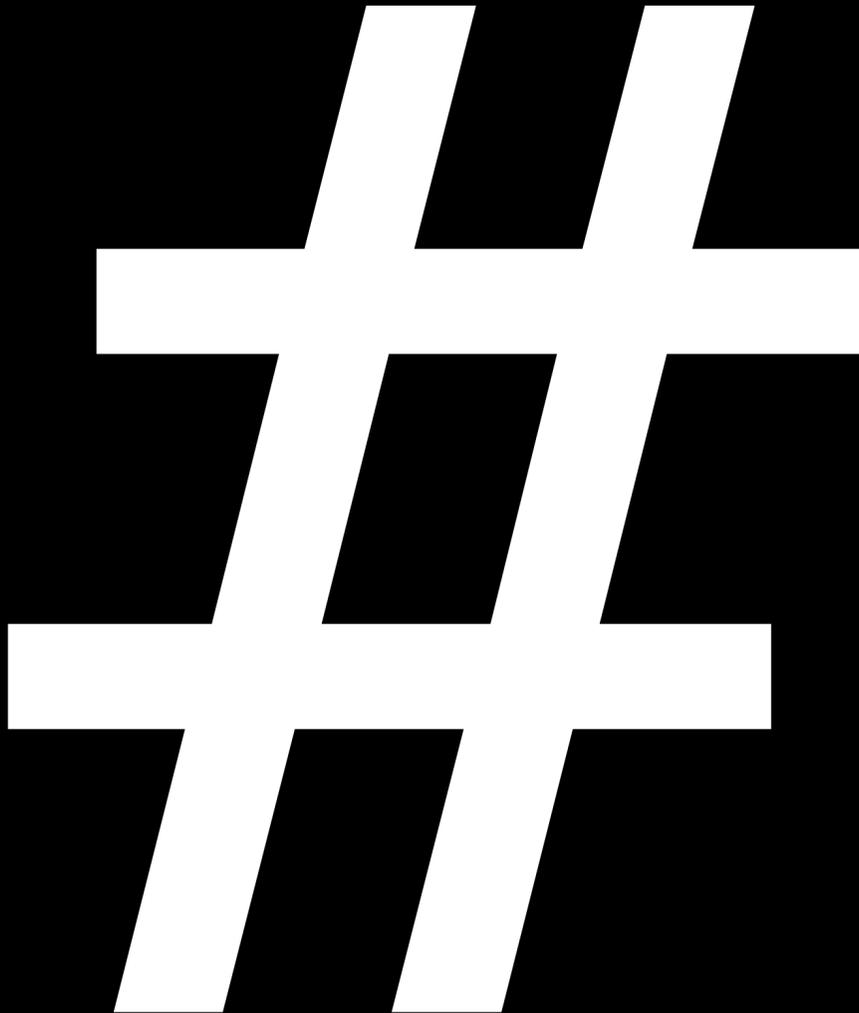
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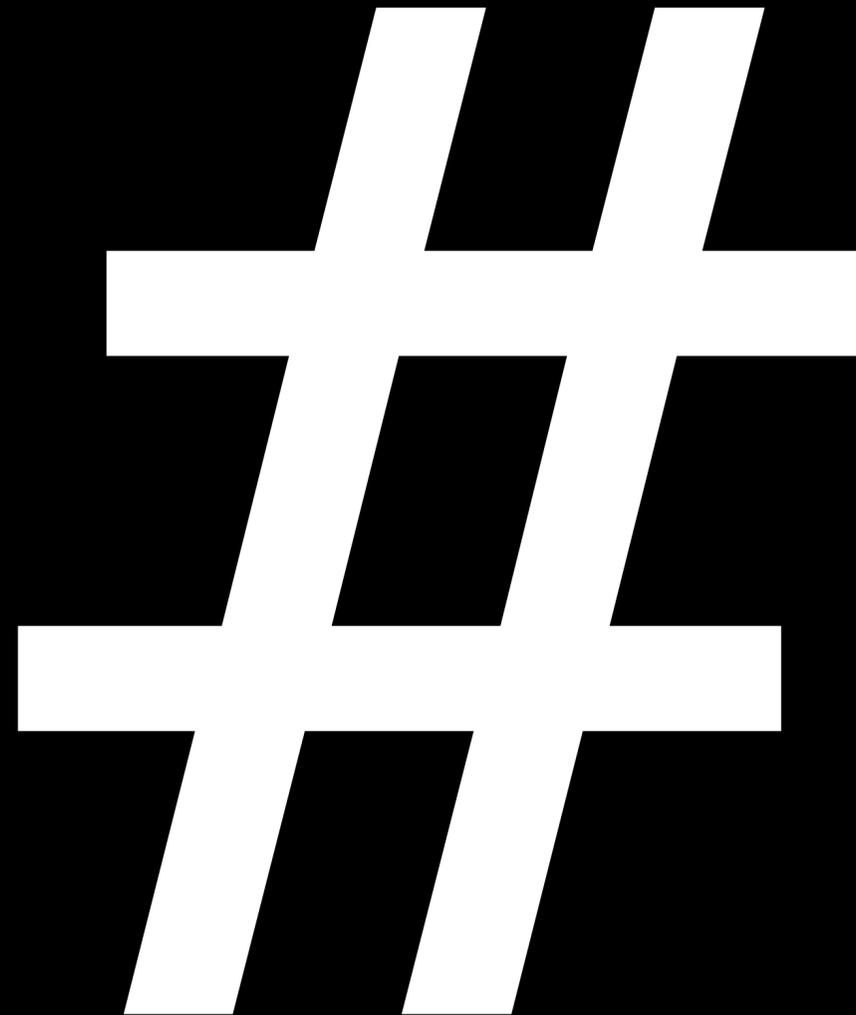
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Hashtag



Pound Sign

Sharp

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What happened here?!

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# Where's My Type?

In Java or C++

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```

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In Python

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Python's dynamic type system  
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7 // 3     # => 2    (integer division)
7 % 3      # => 1    (integer modulus)
2 ** 4     # => 16   (exponentiation)
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1 < 2 >= 3     # => False (1 < 2 and 2 >= 3)
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0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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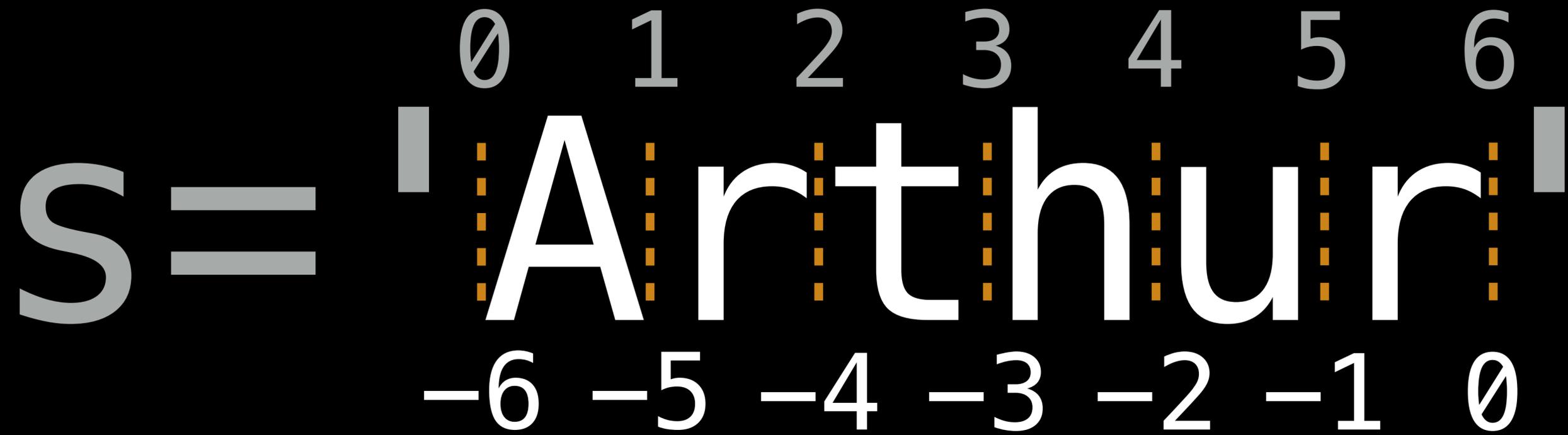
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The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed lines connect the indices to the characters: 0 to 'A', 1 to 'r', 2 to 't', 3 to 'h', 4 to 'u', and 5 to 'r'. The index 6 is positioned above the closing single quote character, which is not part of the string itself. The opening single quote is also shown to the left of the 'A'.

```
s[0] == 'A'  
s[1] == 'r'  
s[4] == 'u'  
s[6] # Bad!
```

# Negative Indexing



# Negative Indexing

`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with its characters mapped to two sets of indices. The top set of indices, in grey, represents positive indexing from 0 to 6: 0 for 'A', 1 for 'r', 2 for 't', 3 for 'h', 4 for 'u', 5 for 'r', and 6 for the trailing null character. The bottom set of indices, in white, represents negative indexing from -6 to 0: -6 for 'A', -5 for 'r', -4 for 't', -3 for 'h', -2 for 'u', -1 for 'r', and 0 for the trailing null character. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each character to its corresponding positive and negative index. Small grey vertical bars are placed at the start and end of the string.

```
s[-1] == 'r'  
s[-2] == 'u'  
s[-4] == 't'  
s[-6] == 'A'
```

# Slicing

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6

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The diagram illustrates string slicing on the string 'Arthur'. The string is shown in white characters on a black background. Above each character is a corresponding index number from 0 to 6, displayed in a light gray font. Vertical dashed orange lines extend from each index down to the character it represents. A white horizontal bracket with arrowheads at both ends is positioned below the first three characters, 'A', 'r', and 't', indicating the slice from index 0 to 2.

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The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed lines connect the indices to the characters: 0 to 'A', 1 to 'r', 2 to 't', 3 to 'h', 4 to 'u', 5 to 'r', and 6 to the closing quote. The opening quote is at index -1 and the closing quote is at index 7.

Implicitly starts at 0

```
s[:2] == 'Ar'  
s[3:] == 'hur'
```

Implicitly ends at the end

# Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed lines connect the indices to the characters. A horizontal white arrow points from index 0 to index 2, indicating a slice operation.

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```

Implicitly ends at the end

# Strings



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Implicitly ends at the end

# Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram illustrates the indexing of the string 'Arthur'. The characters are displayed in white, enclosed in single quotes. Above each character is its corresponding index number (0 through 6) in a light gray font. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each index number to the character it represents: 0 to 'A', 1 to 'r', 2 to 't', 3 to 'h', 4 to 'u', and 5 to 'r'. The closing quote is at index 6.

Index	Character
0	A
1	r
2	t
3	h
4	u
5	r
6	'

# Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

A diagram showing the string 'Arthur' with its characters indexed from 0 to 6. The characters are: 0: 'A', 1: 'r', 2: 't', 3: 'h', 4: 'u', 5: 'r'. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each character to its corresponding index number above it. The string is enclosed in single quotes, with a grey bar on the left of the opening quote and another on the right of the closing quote.

Can also pass a step size

```
s[1:5:2] == 'rh'  
s[4::-2] == 'utA'
```

# Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

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A diagram showing the string 'Arthur' with its characters indexed from 0 to 6. The characters are: 0: 'A', 1: 'r', 2: 't', 3: 'h', 4: 'u', 5: 'r'. Vertical dashed lines connect each character to its corresponding index number above it. The string is enclosed in single quotes.

Can also pass a step size

One way to reverse a string

```
s[1:5:2] == 'rh'  
s[4::-2] == 'utA'  
s[::-1] == 'ruhtrA'
```

# Converting Values

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`str(42)`

`# => "42"`

All objects have a  
string representation

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`# => "42"`

`int("42")`

`# => 42`

All objects have a  
string representation

# Converting Values

`str(42)` # => "42"

`int("42")` # => 42

`float("2.5")` # => 2.5

All objects have a  
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# Converting Values

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`int("42")`    # => 42

`float("2.5")` # => 2.5

`float("1")`    # => 1.0

All objects have a  
string representation

# Lists

Dive into Python data structures Week 2!

# Lists

```
easy_as = [1, 2, 3]
```

# Lists

`easy_as = [1, 2, 3]`

Square brackets delimit lists



The diagram illustrates the syntax of a list in Python. A box containing the text "Square brackets delimit lists" has two arrows pointing to the opening '[' and closing ']' brackets of the list '[1, 2, 3]' in the code 'easy\_as = [1, 2, 3]'. The numbers 1, 2, and 3 are highlighted in blue.

# Lists

easy\_as

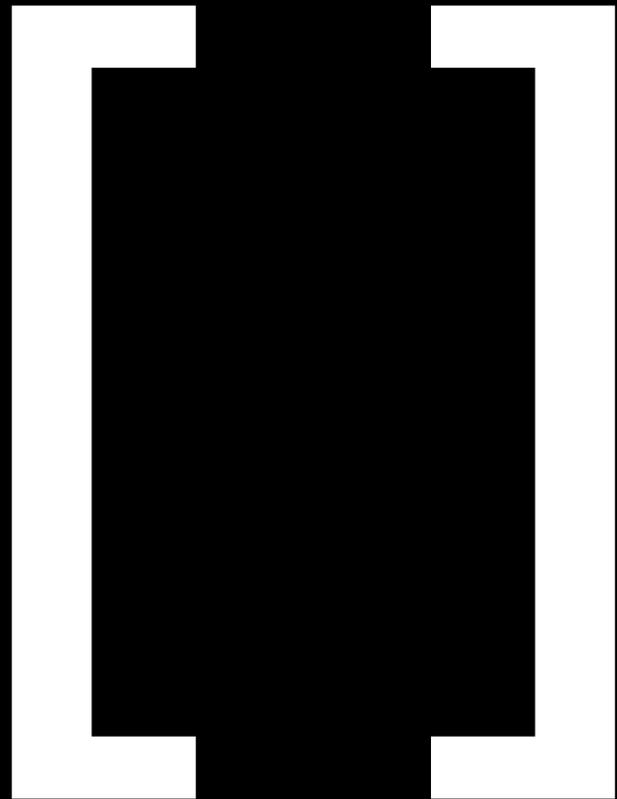
=

[1, 2, 3]

Square brackets delimit lists

Commas separate elements

# Lists



Versatile

Incredibly common

≈ ArrayList / Vector

# Basic Lists

# Basic Lists

```
# Create a new list  
empty = []  
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']  
numbers = [2, 3, 5]
```

# Basic Lists

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# Create a new list
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
numbers = [2, 3, 5]
```

```
# Lists can contain elements of different types
```

```
mixed = [4, 5, "seconds"]
```

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```

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```

```
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```

```
numbers = [2, 3, 5]
```

```
# Lists can contain elements of different types
```

```
mixed = [4, 5, "seconds"]
```

```
# Append elements to the end of a list
```

```
numbers.append(7) # numbers == [2, 3, 5, 7]
```

```
numbers.append(11) # numbers == [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
```

# Inspecting List Elements

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```
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']  
numbers = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
```

# Inspecting List Elements

```
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

```
numbers = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
```

```
# Access elements at a particular index
```

```
numbers[0] # => 2
```

```
numbers[-1] # => 11
```

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```

```
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```

```
# You can also slice lists – the same rules apply
```

```
letters[:3] # => ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
numbers[1:-1] # => [3, 5, 7]
```

# Nested Lists

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```
# Lists really can contain anything – even other lists!
```

```
combo = [letters, numbers]
```

```
combo # => [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]]
```

# Nested Lists

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```

```
combo = [letters, numbers]
```

```
combo # => [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]]
```

```
combo[0] # => ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

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```
combo # => [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]]
```

```
combo[0] # => ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

```
combo[0][1] # => 'b'
```

# Nested Lists

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# Lists really can contain anything – even other lists!
```

```
combo = [letters, numbers]
```

```
combo # => [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]]
```

```
combo[0] # => ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
```

```
combo[0][1] # => 'b'
```

```
combo[1][2:] # => [5, 7, 11]
```

# General Queries

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```
# Length (len)
```

```
len([]) # => 0
```

```
len("python") # => 6
```

```
len([4, 5, "seconds"]) # => 3
```

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```
# Membership (in)
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```
# Membership (in)
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```
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```

```
'y' in "python" # => True
```

```
"minutes" in [4, 5, "seconds"] # => False
```

Console I/O

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```
What is your name? Sam
```

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```
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```

```
>>> print("I'm Python. Nice to meet you,", name)
```

```
I'm Python. Nice to meet you, Sam
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`print` can be used in many different ways!

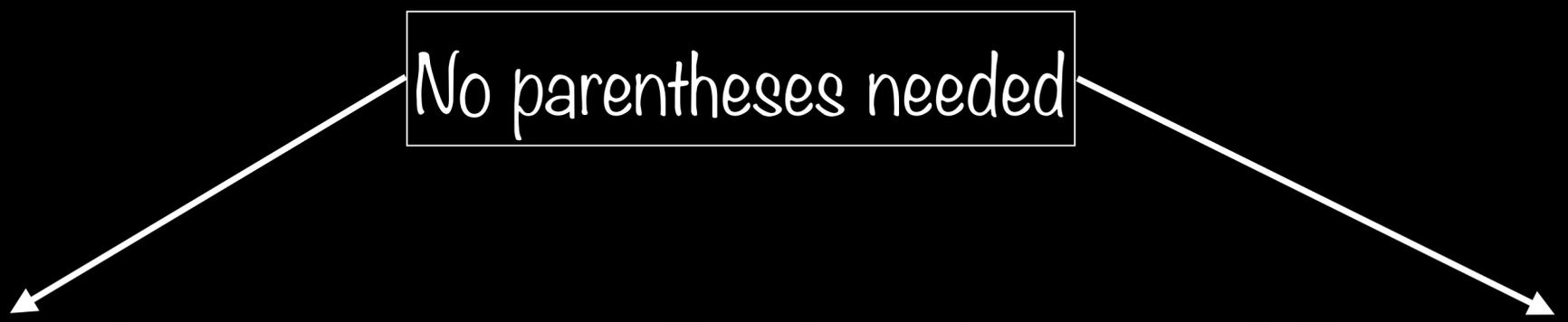
# Control Flow

# If Statements

```
if the_world_is_flat:  
    print("Don't fall off!")
```

# If Statements

No parentheses needed



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# If Statements

The diagram shows the code snippet `if the_world_is_flat:  
 print("Don't fall off!")` with several annotations. A box labeled "No parentheses needed" has arrows pointing to the `if` keyword and the condition `the_world_is_flat`. A box labeled "Colon" has an arrow pointing to the colon at the end of the condition. A box labeled "No curly braces!" has an arrow pointing to the space between the condition and the body. The `if` keyword is highlighted in yellow, and the `print` keyword is highlighted in pink.

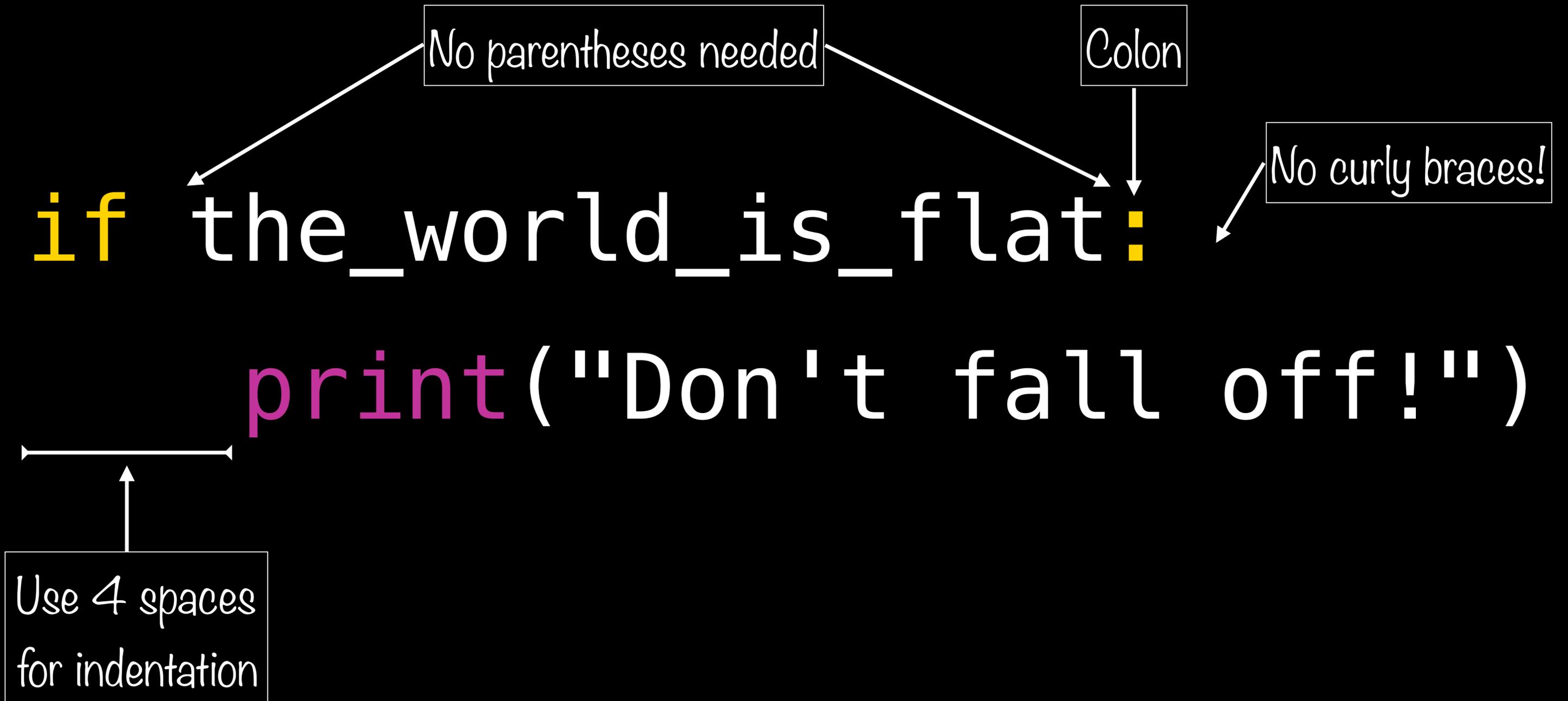
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```

No parentheses needed

Colon

No curly braces!

# If Statements



4 Spaces?! No Braces?!

# Zen of Python

Readability counts

Can be configured in most development environments

# elif and else

```
if some_condition:  
    print("Some condition holds")  
elif other_condition:  
    print("Other condition holds")  
else:  
    print("Neither condition holds")
```

zero or more `elif`s

`else` is optional

Python has no `switch` statement,  
opting for `if/elif/else` chains

# Palindrome?

Spelled the same  
backwards and forwards

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```
# Is a user-submitted word a palindrome?
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```

```
reversed_word = word[::-1]
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```

```
else:
```

```
    print("You did not enter a palindrome")
```

# Truthy and Falsy

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```
# 'Falsy' values
bool(None)      # => False
bool(False)    # => False
bool(0)         # => False
bool(0.0)       # => False
bool('')       # => False
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```

```
# Empty data structures are 'falsy'
```

```
bool([]) # => False
```

```
# Everything else is 'truthy'
```

```
bool(41) # => True
```

```
bool('abc') # => True
```

```
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True
```

# Truthy and Falsy

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# Everything else is 'truthy'
bool(41)        # => True
bool('abc')     # => True
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True

bool([False])  # => True
bool(int)      # => True
```

# Checking for Truthiness

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```
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```

```
...
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```
if data:
```

```
    process(data)
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("There's no data!")
```

You should almost never test  
`if expr == True`

Loops

# For Loops

```
for item in iterable:  
    process(item)
```

# For Loops

Loop explicitly over data

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Strings, lists, etc.

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Strings, lists, etc.

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```

No loop counter!

# Looping over Strings and Lists

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```
# Loop over characters in a string.
```

```
for ch in "CS41":  
    print(ch)
```

```
# Prints C, S, 4, and 1
```

# Looping over Strings and Lists

# Loop over characters in a string.

```
for ch in "CS41":  
    print(ch)
```

# Prints C, S, 4, and 1

Compare

```
String s = "CS41";  
for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); ++i) {  
    char ch = s.charAt(i);  
    System.out.println(ch);  
}
```

# Looping over Strings and Lists

# Loop over characters in a string.

```
for ch in "CS41":  
    print(ch)
```

# Prints C, S, 4, and 1

# Loop over elements of a list.

```
for number in [3, 1, 4, 1, 5]:  
    print(number ** 2, end='|')
```

Compare

```
String s = "CS41";  
for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); ++i) {  
    char ch = s.charAt(i);  
    System.out.println(ch);  
}
```

# Looping over Strings and Lists

# Loop over characters in a string.

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```

# => 9|1|16|1|25|

Compare

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# range

Iterate over a  
sequence of numbers

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```
range(3)  
# generates 0, 1, 2
```

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sequence of numbers

```
range(3)
```

```
# generates 0, 1, 2
```

```
range(5, 10)
```

```
# generates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
```

# range

Iterate over a  
sequence of numbers

```
range(3)  
# generates 0, 1, 2
```

```
range(5, 10)  
# generates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
```

```
range(2, 12, 3)  
# generates 2, 5, 8, 11
```

# range

Iterate over a  
sequence of numbers

```
range(3)  
# generates 0, 1, 2
```

```
range(5, 10)  
# generates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
```

```
range(2, 12, 3)  
# generates 2, 5, 8, 11
```

```
range(-7, -30, -5)  
# generates -7, -12, -17, -22, -27
```

# range

Iterate over a  
sequence of numbers

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# generates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
```

```
range(2, 12, 3)  
# generates 2, 5, 8, 11
```

```
range(-7, -30, -5)  
# generates -7, -12, -17, -22, -27
```

`range(stop)` or `range(start, stop[, step])`

break and continue

# break and continue

```
for n in range(2, 10):  
    if n == 6:  
        break  
    print(n, end=', ')  
# => 2, 3, 4, 5,
```

# break and continue

```
for n in range(2, 10):  
    if n == 6:  
        break  
    print(n, end=', ')  
# => 2, 3, 4, 5,
```

break breaks out of the  
smallest enclosing for or while loop

# break and continue

```
for n in range(2, 10):  
    if n == 6:  
        break  
    print(n, end=', ')  
# => 2, 3, 4, 5,
```

```
for letter in "STELLAR":  
    if letter in "LE":  
        continue  
    print(letter, end='*')  
# => S*T*A*R*
```

break breaks out of the  
smallest enclosing for or while loop

# break and continue

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for n in range(2, 10):  
    if n == 6:  
        break  
    print(n, end=', ')  
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```

break breaks out of the  
smallest enclosing for or while loop

```
for letter in "STELLAR":  
    if letter in "LE":  
        continue  
    print(letter, end='*')  
# => S*T*A*R*
```

continue continues with  
the next iteration of the loop

while loops

`while` loops

No additional surprises here

# while loops

No additional surprises here

```
# Print powers of three below 10000
n = 1
while n < 10000:
    print(n)
    n *= 3
```

# Functions

Dive into Python functions Week 3

# Writing Functions

The `def` keyword defines a function

Parameters have no explicit types

```
def fn_name(param1, param2):  
    value = do_something()  
    return value
```

return is optional  
if either return or its value are omitted,  
implicitly returns `None`

# Prime Number Generator

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```
def is_prime(n):
```

# Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):
```

# Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:
```

# Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:  
            return False
```

# Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:  
            return False  
    return True
```

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```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:  
            return False  
    return True  
  
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
```

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n = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
for x in range(2, n):
```

# Prime Number Generator

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            return False  
    return True  
  
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
for x in range(2, n):  
    if is_prime(x):  
        print(x, "is prime")  
    else:  
        print(x, "is not prime")
```

More to See

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Keyword Arguments

Variadic Argument Lists

Default Argument Values

Unpacking Arguments

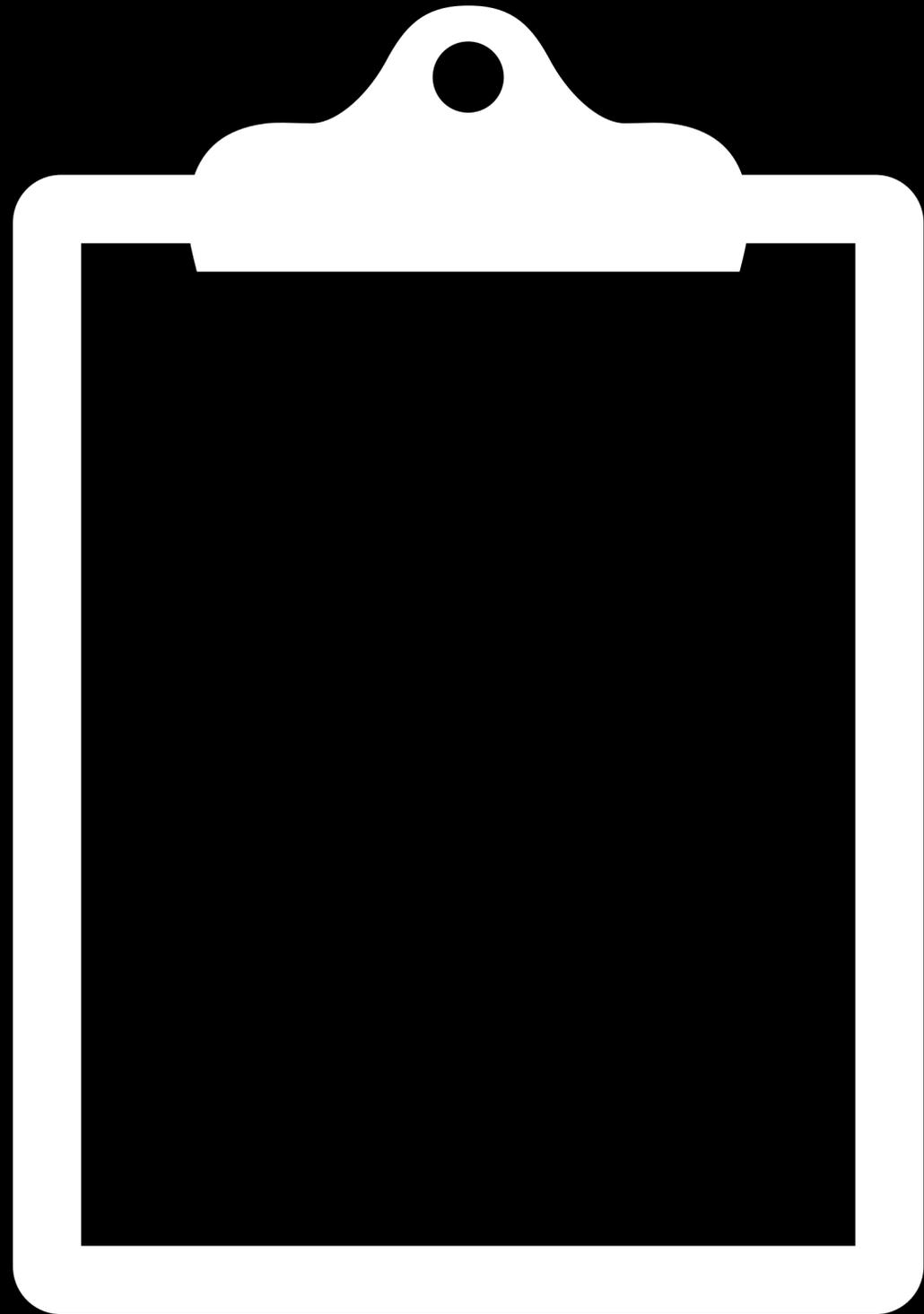
Anonymous Functions

First-Class Functions

Functional Programming

Next Time

# More Python Fundamentals!



Types and Objects

String Formatting

File I/O

Using Scripts

Configuring Python 3

Lab!



# Appendix

# Citations

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