

# CSC148 winter 2018

## Introduction to computer science week 1

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# Outline

Introduction

object-oriented design

# What's CSC148 not about?

- ▶ well first, CSC108 was about if statements, loops, function definitions and calls, lists, dictionaries, searching, sorting, classes, documentation style. So you've got all that down...

slides on web-page  
under "Lectures"

otherwise... ramp-up The sessions will be in BA1130 (BA room 1130) Saturday (10 4) and Sunday (11 5) January 6th and 7th. There is space for about 150 per day, and you need to register

# But what's CSC148 about?

- ▶ how to understand and write a solution for a real-world problem *English problem specification* → *Python solution*
- ▶ abstract data types (ADTs) to represent and manipulate information *hide how* *Show what with public interface (docstring)*
- ▶ recursion: clever functions that call themselves *def fun(...):  
... f(...)*
- ▶ exceptions: how to deal with unexpected situations *you seen errors, now we can use Exceptions*
- ▶ design: how to structure a program *80% of time is maintaining code...*
- ▶ efficiency: how much resource (time/space) does a program use? *How much time/space for a problem solution?*

How's this course run?

- 4 instructors  
~1000 students

draft + for ~2 weeks  
- then con only change  
by majority vote

All answers in **course information sheet**. Spoiler alert: meaning  
of life is 42... fix test conflicts now!

# python infested by objects

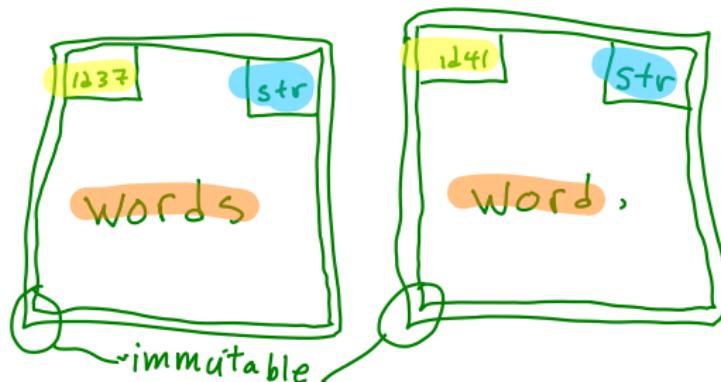
try drawing them: id in upper left, type in upper right, value may include references to other objects. Compare notes with [Python visualizer](#)



Here are some built-in objects to fool around with:

```
>>> w1 = "words"  
>>> w2 = "swords"[1:]  
>>> w1 is w2  
>>> w1 == w2  
>>> w1 * w2  
>>> import turtle  
>>> t = turtle.Turtle()  
>>> t.pos()  
(0.00,0.00)  
>>> t.forward(100)
```

w1 [id 41]      w2 [id 37]



# review function design recipe

Examples

Header

Description

Body

Test

Dream up a function. Now use the **function design recipe** to build it, step-by-step... Now with PyCharm

↑ nags about  
code & defects

## vandalizing existing classes

this is **deeply wrong**, except for teaching purposes...

```
>>> from turtle import Turtle  
>>> t1 = Turtle()  
>>> t1.pos()  
(0.00,0.00) ← a Turtle knows where it is  
>>> t1.forward(100) ← a Turtle can move  
>>> t1.pos()  
(100.00,0.00)  
>>> t1.neck  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
AttributeError: 'Turtle' object has no attribute 'neck'  
>>> Turtle.neck = "very reptilian"  
>>> t1.neck ← we added a neck af  
'very reptilian' t1 was created!
```

## Design a new class

Somewhere in the real world there is a description of points in two-dimensional space:

*In two dimensions, a point is two numbers (coordinates) that are treated collectively as a single object. Points are often written in parentheses with a comma separating the coordinates. For example,  $(0, 0)$  represents the origin, and  $(x, y)$  represents the point x units to the right and y units up from the origin. Some of the typical operations that one associates with points might be calculating the distance of a point from the origin, or from another point, or finding a midpoint of two points, or asking if a point falls within a given rectangle or circle.*

Find the most important noun (good candidate for a class...), its most important attributes, and operations that sort of noun should support.

# build class Point...

in that **deeply wrong**, but informative, way

```
>>> class Point:  
...     pass  
...
```

no attributes or methods  
to start out!

```
>>> def initialize(point, x, y):  
...     point.x = x  
...     point.y = y  
...
```

a module-level  
function attaches  
attributes

```
>>> def distance(point):
```

```
...     return (point.x**2 + point.y**2) ** (1 / 2)
```

```
...
```

```
>>> Point.__init__ = initialize
```

```
>>> Point.distance = distance
```

```
>>> p2 = Point(12, 5)
```

```
>>> p2.distance()
```

module-level  
function returns  
distance

make methods point to  
those functions

13.0

point instance here ... not here

# build class Point... properly!

Define a class API:

1. choose a class name and write a brief description in the class docstring.

Point

2. write some examples of client code that uses your class

p = Point(3, 4)

3. decide what services your class should provide as public methods, for each method declare an API<sup>1</sup> (examples, header, type contract, description)

distance

--init-- --eq-- --str--

4. decide which attributes your class should provide without calling a method, list them in the class docstring

x and y

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<sup>1</sup>use the CSC108 function design recipe

# continue building class Point... properly!

Implement the class:

1. body of special methods `__init__`, `__eq__`, and `__str__`
2. body of other methods
3. testing (more on this later)

See  
`point.py`



# weird things

try these out

- ▶ what happens if, after declaring Point, you try

```
print(Point.x)
```

OR

```
Point.y = 17
```

- ▶ methods can be invoked in two equivalent ways:

```
p = Point(3, 4)
```

```
p.distance_to_origin()
```

```
5.0
```

```
Point.distance_to_origin(p)
```

in each case the first parameter, conventionally `self`, refers to the instance named `p`