CSc 120

Introduction to Computer Programing II

01: Python review

getting started

Python language and environment

- Language: Python 3
 - Use Visual Studio Code for assignments

https://code.visualstudio.com/

- But you'll see IDLE in these slides
- https://www.python.org/
 - Very simple environment
 - tutorial
 - beginner's guide
 - language reference
 - setup and usage, HOWTOs, FAQs

Surprises if coming from C, C++, Java

- No variable declarations
- Indentation instead of { }
- Flexible for loop
- Built-in data structures (lists, dictionaries, tuples, sets)
- Arbitrary-precision integers
- Garbage collection (also in Java)
 o no explicit allocation/deallocation

python review: variables, expressions, assignment

python basics >>> x = 4>>> y = 5 >> z = x + y>>> x 4 >>> y 5 >>> z 9 >>> y = z * 2>>> y 18

>>>

python basics



>>> : python interpreter's prompt
black: user input (keyboard)
blue: python interpreter output









typing in an expression causes its value to be printed

python basics

>>> x = 4>>> y = 5 >> z = x + y>>> x 4 >>> y 5 >>> z 9 >>> y = z * 2

>>> y

18

>>>

- variables:
 - names begin with letter or '_'
 - don't have to be declared in advance
 - type determined at runtime
- expressions:
 - all the usual arithmetic operators

Multiple (aka parallel) assignment

Assigns to multiple variables at the same time

$$x_1, x_2, ..., x_n = exp_1, exp_2, ..., exp_n$$

Behavior:

- exp₁, ..., exp_n evaluated (L-to-R)
- 2. $x_1, ..., x_n$ are assigned (L-to-R)

Comparison and Booleans



Comparision operations: <, >, ==, >=, <=, !=

Lower precedence than arithmetic operations.

Yield boolean values: True False

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> x = 3 >>> y = 4 >>> z = (2*x - 1 == y+1) >>> z

← what value is printed out for z?

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> x = 3

>>> y = 4

>>> sum, diff, prod = x + y, x - y, x * y
>>> prod+diff

← what is the value printed out?

python review: basics of strings

>>> x = "abcd" >>> y = 'efgh' >>> z = "efgh"

a string is a sequence of characters (letters, numbers, and other symbols)



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a string literal is enclosed in quotes

- single-quotes (at both ends)
- double-quotes (at both ends)

>>> text = 'abcdefghi'

>>>

>>> text

'abcdefghi'

>>> text[0]

```
'a'
```

>>> text[1]

```
'b'
```

```
>>> text[27]
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<pyshell#153>", line 1, in <module>
```

text[27]

```
IndexError: string index out of range
```

a string is a sequence of characters

• we can index into a string to get the characters

Basics of strings >>> text = 'abcdefghi' >>> >>> text 'abcdefghi' >>> text[0] 'a' >>> text[1] 'b' >>> text[27] Traceback (most recent call last): File "<pyshell#153>", line 1, in <module> text[27] IndexError: string index out of range >>>

a string is a sequence of characters

 we can index into a string to get the characters

indexing beyond the end of the string gives an **IndexError** error

>>> text = 'abcdefghi'

>>>

>>> text

'abcdefghi'

>>> text[0]

'a' >>> text[1]

'b' —

>>> text[27]

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<pyshell#153>", line 1, in <module>

text[27]

IndexError: string index out of range

a string is a sequence of characters

- we can index into a string to get the characters
- each character is returned as a string of length 1

Intuitively, a *character* is a single letter, digit, punctuation mark, etc.

E.g.: 'a' '5' '\$'

>>> x = '0123456789'



x[i]: if $i \ge 0$ (i.e., non-negative values):

- indexing is done from the beginning of the string
- the first letter has index 0

x[i]: if i < 0 (i.e., negative values):

- indexing is done from the end of the string
- the last letter has index -1

>>> x = '0123456789' >>> >>> x[0] '0' >>> x[1] '1' >>> x[2] '2' >>> >>> x[-1] '9' >>> x[-2] '8' >>> x[-3] '7' >>

x[i]: if $i \ge 0$ (i.e., non-negative values):

- indexing is done from the beginning of the string
- the first letter has index 0

x[*i*] : if *i* < 0 (i.e., negative values):

- indexing is done from the end of the string
- the last letter has index -1

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> x = 'a'
>>> x == x[0]
what do you think will be printed here?

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> x = 'apple' >>> x[2] == x[-2]

what do you think will be printed here?

```
Basics of strings
>>> x = 'abcDE fgHIJ 01234'
>>> x
'abcDE_fgHIJ_01234'
                                 len(x) : length of a string x
>>>
>>>
>>> len(x)
17
>>> y = x.lower()
>>> y
'abcde_fghij_01234'
>>>
>>> y = x.upper()
>>y
'ABCDE_FGHIJ_01234'
>>>
```

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>>>

len(x) : length of a string x

x.lower(), x.upper() : case conversion on the letters in a string x

 note that non-letter characters are not affected

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len(x) : length of a string x

x.lower(), x.upper() : case conversion on the letters in a string x

- note that non-letter characters are not affected
- does not modify x

Python supports a wide variety of string operations

 see www.tutorialspoint.com/python3/ python_strings.htm

Basics of strings	
>>> x = 'abc'	
>>>	
>>> x	str.join(x)
'abc'	<pre>str.join(x): produces a string in which the characters of x have been joined by</pre>
>>>	the string str
>>> " <i>,</i> ".join(x)	doos not modify y
'a,b,c'	does not moully x
>>>	

```
>>> x = 'abcdefgh'
>>>
>>> x
'abcdefgh'
>>> x[3]
'd'
>>>
>>> x[3] = 'z'
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<pyshell#193>", line 1, in <module>
  x[3] = 'z'
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>>
```

```
Basics of strings
>>> x = 'abcdefgh'
>>>
>>> x
                                       strings are immutable, i.e., cannot be
'abcdefgh'
                                       modified or updated
>>> x[3]
'd'
>>>
>>> x[3] = 'z'
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<pyshell#193>", line 1, in <module>
  x[3] = 'z'
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment,
>>>
```

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> text = "How are you?"

>>>

Write code that operates on text and produces the string

'H-O-W- -A-R-E- -Y-O-U-?'

Basics of strings	
>>> x = "abcd"	
>>> y = 'efgh'	
>>> z = 'efgh'	
>>> y == z	
True	+ applied to strings does concatenation
>>> x == y	
False	
>>>	
>>> w 7 x + y	
>>> W	
'abcdefgh'	
>>>	
>>> u = x * 5	
>>> u	
'abcdabcdabcdabcd'	

>>> x = "abcd" >>> y = 'efgh' >>> z = 'efgh' >>> y == z True >>> x == y False >>> >>> w = x + y >>> w 'abcdefgh' >>> >>> u = x * 5 >>> u 'abcdabcdabcdabcd'

+ applied to strings does concatenation

'*' applied to strings:

- does repeated concatenation if one argument is a number
- generates an error otherwise

>>> x = "abcd" >>> y = 'efgh' >>> z = 'efgh' >>> >>> w = x + y>>> w 'abcdefgh' >>> >>> u = x * 5 >>> u 'abcdabcdabcdabcd' >>> x - y Traceback (most recent call last): File "<pyshell#39>", line 1, in <module> X - Y TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str' >>>

+ applied to strings does concatenation

* applied to strings:

- does repeated concatenation if one argument is a number
- generates an error otherwise

not all arithmetic operators carry over to strings




Write an expression that, for any string text, results in the last two characters of text. Assume text has length of 2 or greater.

python review: reading user input I: input()

>>> x = input()

13579

>>> x

'13579'

```
>>> y = input('Type some input: ')
```

Type some input: 23

>>> y

'23'

```
>>> z = input('More input: ')
```

More input: 567

>>> z

'567'

>>>

>>> x = input() 13579 >>> x '13579' >>> y = input('Type some input: ') Type some input: 23 >>> y '23' >>> z = input('More input: ') More input: 567 >>> z '567' >>>

input statement:

- reads input from the keyboard
- returns the value read

o (a string)



input statement:

- reads input from the keyboard
- returns the value read as a string

- takes an optional argument
 - o if provided, serves as a prompt





>>> x = input() 12 >>> x '12'

>>> y = x / 2

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<pyshell#59>", line 1, in <module>

y = x / 2

TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for /: 'str' and 'int'



the value read in is represented as a string

- string = sequence of characters
- TypeError: indicates an error due to a wrong type

>>>

>>> x = input()

>>> y = x + x

>>> int(x) == int(y)

what input value(s) will cause this to work as shown?

True

python review: conditionals

Conditional statements: if/elif/else

```
>>> var1 = input()
100
>>> var2 = input()
200
>>> x1 = int(var1)
>>> x2 = int(var2)
>>>
>>> if x_1 > x_2:
         print('x1 is bigger than x2')
elif x1 == x2:
         print('x1 and x2 are equal')
else:
         print('x1 is smaller than x2')
x1 is smaller than x2
>>>
```

Conditional statements: if/elif/else

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```

• if-statement syntax:



Conditional statements: if/elif/else

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>>>
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        print('x1 and x2 are equal')
else:
```

print('x1 is smaller than x2') x1 is smaller than x2

• if-statement syntax:



Prompt the user for input and assign the result to text.

Set s to the last two characters of text. If text has length less than 2, s should be assigned to an empty string.

Solution

text = input()
if len(text) > 2:
 s = text[-2:]
else:
 s = "

python review: while loops

Loops I: while

```
>>> n = input('Enter a number: ')
Enter a number: 5
>>> limit = int(n)
>>> i = 0
>>> sum = 0
>>> while i <= limit:
    sum += i
    i += 1</pre>
```

>>> sum

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>>>

Loops I: while

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    i += 1</pre>
```

>>> sum

15

>>>

• while-statement syntax:

while BooleanExpr: stmt₁ ... stmt_n

 stmt₁ ... stmt_n are executed repeatedly as long as BooleanExpr is True

>>> text = "To be or not to be, that is the question."
>>> c = "o"

Write the code to count the number of times c occurs in text.

Solution

count the occurrences of c in text
text = "To be or not to be, that is the question."
c = "o"

n, i = 0, 0 while i < len(text): if text[i] == c: n += 1 i += 1 python review: lists

```
>>> x = [ 'item1', 'item2', 'item3', 'item4' ]
>>>
>>> x[0]
'item1'
>>> x[2]
'item3'
>>> len(x)
4
>>> x[2] = 'newitem3'
>>> x
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
>>> x[1:]
['item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
>>> x[:3]
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3']
```

```
Lists
>>> x = [ 'item1', 'item2', 'item3', 'item4' ]
>>>
>>> x[0]
'item1'
>>> x[2]
                                         a list is a sequence of values
'item3'
>>> len(x)
4
>>> x[2] = 'newitem3'
>>> x
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
>>> x[1:]
['item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
>>> x[:3]
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3']
```

>>> x = ['item1', 'item2', 'item3', 'item4']
>>>
>>> x[0]
'item1'
>>> x[2]
'item3'
>>> len(x)

4

```
>>> x[2] = 'newitem3'
```

>>> x

```
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
```

```
>>> x[1:]
```

```
['item2', 'newitem3', 'item4']
```

>>> x[:3]

```
['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3']
```

a list is a sequence of values

accessing list elements (i.e., indexing), computing length: similar to strings

- non-negative index values (≥ 0) index from the front of the list
 - \circ the first element has index 0
- negative index values index from the end of the list
 - the last element has index -1

>>> x = ['item1', 'item2', 'item3', 'item4'] >>> >>> x[0] 'item1' >>> x[2] 'item3' >>> len(x) 4 >>> x[2] = 'newitem3' >>> X ['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3', 'item4'] >>> x[1:] ['item2', 'newitem3', 'item4'] >>> x[:3] ['item1', 'item2', 'newitem3']

a list is a sequence of values

accessing list elements (i.e., indexing), computing length: similar to strings

lists are *mutable*, i.e., can be modified or updated

different from strings

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a list is a sequence of values

accessing list elements (i.e., indexing), computing length: similar to strings

lists are *mutable*, i.e., can be modified or updated

- different from strings
 - slicing : similar to strings



>>> x = ["abc", "def", "ghi", "jkl"] >>> x[1] + x[-1] what do you think will be printed here?

```
>>>nums = [18, 3, 24, 63, 18, 4]
```

>>>num.append(7)

>>>nums

[18, 3, 24, 63, 18, 4, 7]

list.append(value)

appends the value to the list.



Empty list

Use append to add additional elements.

>>w = []
>>>w.append(' hello')
>>>w
[' hello']
>>>w.append(' there']
>>>w.append(2)
>>>w
[' hello' , ' there' , 2]

Empty list

Use append to add additional elements.

Elements can be of any type

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Write the code to create a list of the even numbers of num. Use a while loop and append.

>>> num = [18, 3, 24, 63, 18, 4, 7]

Solution

```
# create a list of the even elements of num
nums = [18, 3, 24, 63, 18, 4, 7]
i = 0
evens = []
while i < len(nums):
    if nums[i] % 2 == 0:
        evens.append(nums[i])
        i += 1</pre>
```


python review: functions

Functions

- **def** *fn_name* (*arg*₁ , ..., *arg*_n):
 - defines a function *fn_name* with n arguments *arg*₁, ..., *arg*_n

• return expr

- optional
- returns the value of the expression *expr* to the caller
- *fn_name(expr*₁, ..., *expr*_n):
 - calls *fn_name* with arguments expr₁, ..., expr_n

Functions





- optional
- returns the value of the expression *expr* to the caller

Functions



Lists of Lists

>>> x = [[1,2,3], [4], [5, 6]]
>>> x
[[1, 2, 3], [4], [5, 6]]
>>>
a list can consist of elements of
many types, including lists
a list of lists is called a 2-d list
>>>

>>> y

[['aa', 'bb', 'cc'], ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'], ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']]

>>>

Lists of Lists

a list can consist of elements of many types, including lists >>> x = [[1,2,3], [4], [5, 6]] >>> x a list of lists is called a 2-d list [[1, 2, 3], [4], [5, 6]] if the number of rows and >>> columns are equal, it is a grid >>> >>> >> y = [['aa', 'bb', 'cc'], ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'], ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']] >>> >>> y [['aa', 'bb', 'cc'], ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'], ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']] >>>

Lists of Lists

>>> y [['aa', 'bb', 'cc'], ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'], ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']] >>> >>> y[0] ['aa', 'bb', 'cc'] >>> y[1] ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'] >>> y[2] ['hh', 'ii', 'jj'] >>> >>> len(y) 3 >>> len(y[0]) 3 >>>

a list can consist of elements of many types, including lists

a list of lists is called a 2-d list

if the number of rows and columns are equal, it is a grid

*must check the length of each row

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> y [['aa', 'bb', 'cc'], ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'], ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']] >>> how do we access 'bb'? >>> y[0] ['aa', 'bb', 'cc'] >>> y[1] ['dd', 'ee', 'ff'] >>> y[2] ['hh', 'ii', 'jj']

>>>

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> x = [[1,2,3], [10,20,30], [100,200, 300]]

>>> x

[[1, 2, 3], [10, 20, 30], [100, 200, 300]]



write the code to sum the first column of x Use a while loop!

Helpful hint: first write x out as a grid. Label the rows

Solution

x = [[1,2,3], [10,20,30], [100,200, 300]]

```
# sum the first column of a 2-d list x
sum, i = 0, 0
while i < len(x):
    sum = sum + x[i][0]
    i += 1</pre>
```

python review: for loops

Loops II: for

- The for statement iterates over the items of any sequence (or iterable object) in order
- for-statement syntax (the general form)

```
for Var in Expr:
    stmt1
    ...
    stmtn
```

 Expr is evaluated. stmt₁ ... stmt_n are executed for each element of the sequence that Expr produces; the value each successive element is assigned to Var in turn.

Loops II: for

>>> evens [18, 24, 18, 4] >>>

range

- range(...) creates an object that represents a sequence of numbers
- A range can be created in three ways: range(stop)

 1, ..., stop-1
 range(start, stop)
 start, start+1, start+2, ..., stop-1
 range(start, stop, step)
 start, start+step, start+step*2, ..., stop – 1
- Note that *stop* is always exclusive

for with range

>>> evens [18, 24, 18, 4] >>>

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

write the code to sum the first column of grid using for and range

>>> total

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>>>

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> grid = [[18, 25, 36], [23, 25, 18], [20, 54, 7]]

>>> grid

[[18, 25, 36], [23, 25, 18], [20, 54, 7]]

write the code to sum the first column of grid using for (<u>no range</u>)

>>>

```
>>> total = 0
```

>>>for row in grid:

total += row[0]

>>>total

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python review: lists \leftrightarrow strings

$Strings \rightarrow lists$

```
>>> names = "John, Paul, Megan, Bill, Mary"
```

```
>>> names
```

```
'John, Paul, Megan, Bill, Mary'
                                                  split() : splits a string on whitespace
>>>
                                                          returns a list of strings
>>> names.split()
['John,', 'Paul,', 'Megan,', 'Bill,', 'Mary']
>>>
>>> names.split('n')
                                                    split(delim) :
['Joh', ', Paul, Mega', ', Bill, Mary']
                                                     delim, splits the string on delim
>>>
>>> names.split(',')
['John', ' Paul', ' Megan', ' Bill', ' Mary']
```

Lists \rightarrow strings

```
>>> x = ['one', 'two', 'three', 'four']
>>>
>>> "-".join(x)
'one-two-three-four'
>>>
>>> "!.!".join(x)
'one!.!two!.!three!.!four'
>>>
```

delim.join(list) : joins the strings in list
 using the string delim as the
 delimiter

returns a string



String trimming

Speculate: What do the lstrip() and rstrip() methods do?

- >>> line = '...testing n'
- >>> line.rstrip()
- '...testing'
- >>> line.rstrip().lstrip(".")
- 'testing'

EXERCISE-Whiteboard

>>> text = "Bear Down, Arizona. Bear Down, Red and Blue."

```
>>> words = text.split()
```

>>> words

create a list of words with no punctuation

```
['Bear', 'Down,', 'Arizona.', 'Bear', 'Down,', 'Red', 'and', 'Blue.']
```

```
>>> words_lst = []
```

```
>>> for w in words:
```

words_lst.append(w.strip(".,"))

>>> words_lst ['Bear', 'Down', 'Arizona', 'Bear', 'Down', 'Red', 'and', 'Blue'] >>>

EXERCISE-ICA-2 p.1-3

- Go to the class website
- Do problems 1-3 in ICA-2

python review: reading user input II: file I/O

suppose we want to read
(and process) a file
"this_file.txt"



```
>>> infile = open("this_file.txt")
```

>>>

>>> for line in infile:
 print(line)

- fileobj = **open**(filename)
 - *filename*: a string
 - *fileobj*: a file object

line 1 line 1 line 1

line 2 line 2

line 3 line 3 line 3

>>> infile = open("this_file.txt")

>>>

>>> for line in infile:
 print(line)

line 1 line 1 line 1

line 2 line 2

line 3 line 3 line 3

>>>

- fileobj = open(filename)
 - *filename*: a string
 - *fileobj*: a file object
- **for** var **in** fileobj:
 - reads the file a line at a time
 - assigns the line (a string) to var

```
>>> infile = open("this_file.txt")
```

>>>

>>> for line in infile:
 print(line)

line 1 line 1 line 1

line 2 line 2

line 3 line 3 line 3

>>> print(repr(line)) 'line 3 line 3 line 3\n'

- fileobj = open(filename)
 - *filename*: a string
 - *fileobj*: a file object
- for var in fileobj:
 - reads the file a line at a time
 - assigns the line (a string) to var

Note that each line read ends in a newline ('\n') character

```
>>> infile = open("this_file.txt")
```

>>>

>>> for line in infile:
 print(line)

line 1 line 1 line 1

line 2 line 2

line 3 line 3

At this point we've reached the end of the file and there is nothing left to read

>>>

>>> infile = open("this_file.txt") >>> >>> for line in infile: print(line) line 1 line 1 line 1 at this point we've reached the end of the file so there's nothing left to read line 2 line 2 housekeeping: close the file when we're done with it line 3 line 3 >>> >>> infile.close()

>>>

```
>>> infile = open("this_file.txt")
```

>>>

>>> for line in infile: print(line.strip())

NOTE: we use strip() to get rid of the newline character at the end of each line

line 1 line 1 line 1 line 2 line 2 line 3 line 3

Writing output to a file

>>> out_file = open("names.txt", "w")

```
>>>
```

>>> name = input("Enter a name: ")
Enter a name: Tom

>>>

```
>>> out_file.write(name + '\n')
```

4

```
>>> name = input("Enter a name: ")
Enter a name: Megan
>>> out_file.write(name + '\n')
```

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```
>>> out_file.close()
```

open(filename, "w") : opens filename
in write mode, i.e., for output.

If the file doesn't exist, is it created.

If it does exist, it is truncated.

```
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6
>>> out_file.close()
>>>
```

open(filename, "w") : opens filename
in write mode, i.e., for output

fileobj.write(string) : writes string
to fileobj

Writing output to a file

>>> in_file = open("names.txt", "r")
>>> for line in in_file:
 print(line)
>>> in_file.close()
Tom

Megan

Tom Megan
python review: a whole program!

Problem

Write a program that prints the number of times one or more specified characters appears in a file. this file.txt

Interaction:

'0': 0

File? this_file.txt Chars? 123 io '1': 3 '2': 2 '3': 3 ' ': 13 'i': 8 line 1 line 1 line 1 line 2 line 2 line 3 line 3 line 3

Problem decomposition

We'll have three functions:

get_lines(fname) Read the file named **fname** and return its lines as a list.

count_char(c, lines)

Returns the number of times **c** (a one-character string) appears in **lines**, a list of strings.

main() Top-level glue

```
count chars.py
def count_char(c, lines):
  count = 0
  for line in lines:
    for this char in line:
       if c == this char:
         count += 1
  return count
def get lines(fname):
  lines = []
  f = open(fname)
  for line in f:
    lines.append(line)
  f.close()
  return lines
```

count_chars.py, continued

```
def main():
    fname = input("File? ")
    chars = input("Chars? ")
```

```
lines = get_lines(fname)
```

```
for c in chars:
    count = count_char(c, lines)
    print(""" + c + "": " + str(count))
```

main()

High-level structure of count_chars.py: def count_char(c, lines):

```
def get_lines(fname):
```

```
def main():
```

main()

. . .

. . .

. . .

Notes:

- All code except "main()" is in a function.
- "main()" must be last.
- Function definitions can be in any order.
- What happens if you forget to call main?

EXERCISE-ICA-3 p.1-2

- Go to the class website
- Do problems 1-2 in ICA-3

python review: data representation

ASCII codes

- ASCII is "American Standard Code for Information Interchange"
- The ASCII standard specifies numeric codes for 128 characters.
- ASCII was developed in the 1960s
- In 1988 development began on Unicode.
- Version 14 of Unicode can accommodate 144,697 characters.
- The first 128 characters of ASCII and Unicode are the same.

Code	Character
0	NUL (null)
9	HT (horizontal tab)
10	LF (line feed - new line)
32	(space)
33	1
34	
51	3
52	4
97	a
98	b
126	~
127	DEL (delete)

ASCII continued

• Python provides ord() and chr() for working with ASCII codes.

>>> ord('a')

97

>>> chr(98)

'b'

>>> print(chr(49),chr(50),chr(51)) 1 2 3 >>> ord('\n')

10

Code	Character
0	NUL (null)
9	HT (horizontal tab)
10	LF (line feed - new line)
32	(space)
33	1
34	
51	3
52	4
97	a
98	b
126	~
127	DEL (delete)

Data representation

- Conceptually, computers store all data as numbers.
- The <u>type</u> of a data value determines the meaning of the number(s) that represent it.

>>> x = 3	X	
>>> type(x)	3 (int)	
<class 'int'=""></class>	V	
>>> y = "3"	51 (str)	
>>> type(y)		
<class 'str'=""></class>	Z	
>>> z = "x+y"	120 43	

(str)

Data representation

Type is considered when values are compared. >>> a = "5" >>> b = 5 >>> a == b False >>> [120,43,121] == "x+y" False >>> chr(120) + chr(43) + chr(121) == "x+y"True

python review: random numbers

The random module

- Python's random module contains methods for working with random numbers.
- To use it, put import random at the top of your code, below any header comments.
- The randint method generates a random number between two integers, inclusive.
 >> random.randint(0,6)

2

Testing trouble!

This program prints three random numbers:

Import random	
def main():	Two runs in
for i in range(3).	=== RES
	31
print(random.randint(1,100))	49
main()	26

What if the program did something complicated, like generating random poetry?

I'd want to be able to get the same sequence of random numbers again and >>> again, so I could get the same poem again and again when testing.

```
IDLE:
       TART: rand3.py ===
>>>
=== RESTART: rand3.py ===
64
64
1
```

Testing trouble!

We can "seed" Python's random number generator to make it generate the same sequence every time.

```
import random
def main():
    random.seed("7")
    for i in range(3):
    print(random.randint(1,100))
main()
```

Two runs in IDLE:
=== RESTART: rand3.py ===
92
73
70
>>>
=== RESTART: rand3.py ===
92
73
70
>>>

python review: dictionaries

- A dictionary is like a list, but it can be indexed using strings (or ints, or tuples, or any immutable type)
 - the values used as indexes for a particular dictionary are called its keys
 - think of a dictionary as an unordered collection of key : value pairs
 - empty dictionary: {}
- It is an error to index into a dictionary using a nonexistent key

A Python *dictionary* is like a Python list that can be indexed with values of (almost) any type, not just integers.

Let's make an empty dictionary and experiment with it:

>>> d = {}
>>> d
{}
>>> len(d)
0
>>> type(d)
<class 'dict'>

Dictionaries hold pairs of keys and values.

Let's make a dictionary d add two key/value pairs to it:

```
>>> d = {}
>>> d["seven"] = 7
>>> d["zero"] = 0
>>> d
{'zero': 0, 'seven': 7}
>>> len(d)
2
```

```
At hand:

>>> d

{'zero': 0, 'seven': 7}

Indexing with a key produces its associated value:

>>> d["seven"]

7

What is produced if a key doesn't exist?

>>> d["zeroe"]
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

KeyError: 'zeroe'

The in operator can be used to see if a key is in a dictionary: >>> d {'zero': 0, 'seven': 7} >>> k = 'zero' >>> k in d True >>> 'x' in d False

>>> 0 in d

False

It's repetitious to use a series of assignments to populate a dictionary with literal key/value pairs:

```
>>> classrooms= {}
```

```
>>> classrooms["CSC 110"] = "ENR2 N120"
```

```
>>> classrooms["CSC 120"] = "ILC 120"
```

```
>>> classrooms["CSC 372"] = "ILC 119"
```

Alternative:

```
>>> classrooms = { "CSC 110":"ENR2 N120","CSC 120": "ILC 120",
 "CSC 372": "ILC 119"}
>>> len(classrooms)
3
>>> classrooms
{'CSC 110': 'ENR2 N120', 'CSC 120': 'ILC 120', 'CSC 372': 'ILC 119'}
```

EXERCISE (Review)

```
The following code is legal:
>>>nums = [2,4,6]
>>> d = {}
>>>d[2] = 'hello'
>>>d['there'] = 14
>>>d['there']
14
>>>d[nums] = 3
```

True or False?

Dictionaries have keys() and values() methods that both produce *iterable objects*.

```
>>> romans = {"I": 1, "V": 5, "X": 10, "L": 50}
```

```
>>> romans.keys()
dict_keys(['X', 'I', 'V', 'L'])
```

```
>>> romans.values()
dict_values([10, 1, 5, 50])
```

Q: What can we do with an iterable object?

A: Iterate over the values it produces!

Dictionaries have keys() and values() methods that both produce *iterable objects*.

With romans defined as below, we will print the values: >>> romans = {"I": 1, "V": 5, "X": 10, "L": 50}

```
>>> for value in romans.values():
    print(value)
```

ICA-4 prob. 1

Problem: Write a function print_keys(d) that prints the keys in the dictionary d, one per line.

```
>>> print keys(classrooms)
CSC 120
CSC 110
CSC 372
>>> print keys(romans)
Х
V
```

Work with your neighbor(s) and write print_keys(d). (2')

Solution:

```
"""Print the keys in dictionary d, one per line"""
def print_keys(d):
  for k in d.keys():
    print(k)
```

```
# for testing
classrooms = { "CSC 110":"ENR2 N120","CSC 120": "ILC 12
0", "CSC 372": "ILC 119"}
```

```
romans = {"I": 1, "V": 5, "X": 10, "L": 50}
```

Dictionaries themselves are iterable objects. Observe:

```
>>> romans
{'I': 1, 'V': 5, 'L': 50, 'X': 10}
>>> for x in romans:
        print(x)
Х
```

When we iterate over a dictionary what are we doing? We're iterating over the dictionary's keys.

Dictionaries themselves are iterable objects. Observe:

```
>>> romans
{'I': 1, 'V': 5, 'L': 50, 'X': 10}
>>> for x in romans:
        print(x)
V
Χ
```

What if we wanted to print the keys and the values? Given a key, how do we access corresponding value?

Dictionaries themselves are iterable objects. Observe:

>>> romans

{'I': 1, 'V': 5, 'L': 50, 'X': 10}

>>> for x in romans:

print(x, romans[x]) #use the key to get the value

11

- V 5
- X 10

L 50

EXERCISE-ICA-4 p.2-3

• Do problems 2 and 3.

Problem

Write a function count_chars(s) that returns a dictionary where each key/value pair represents the occurrence count for each unique character found in the string s.

```
Usage:
```

```
>>> count_chars("aaa")
{'a': 3}
```

```
>>> count_chars("aabaa")
```

```
{'a': 4, 'b': 1}
```

```
>>> count_chars("to be or not to be")
{'n': 1, 't': 3, 'r': 1, ' ': 5, 'o': 4, 'e': 2, 'b': 2}
```

Pseudocode

Write a function count_chars(s) that takes a string s and returns a dictionary of the counts of all characters in the string.

Pseudocode: (a mix of English and code)

def count_chars(s):

make an empty dictionary counts

(Each key/value pair represent a character and its count)

for each character c in s

if the key c is present in the dictionary

increment the associated value

else

```
counts[c] = 1
```

return counts

Prototyping at the shell prompt

A good practice: Work out key computations using the Python shell, <u>especially when you're learning a new feature</u>.

>>> counts = {}	>>> counts[c] = 1
>>> s = "abacbacc"	>>> counts
>>> c = s[0]	{'a': 1, 'b': 1}
>>> c in counts	>>> c = s[2]
False	>>> c in counts
>>> counts[c] = 1	True
>>> counts	>>> counts[c] = counts[c] + 1
{'a': 1}	>>> counts
>>> c = s[1]	{'a': 2, 'b': 1}
>>> c in counts	
False	

Solution

```
def count_chars(s):
```

"""return a dictionary with key/value pairs with occurrence counts for the characters in s"""

return counts

EXERCISE-ICA-4 p.4

• Do problem 4.
Dictionary values can be anything!

Dictionaries can hold values of any type.

```
>>> pairs = {}
>>> pairs["s"] = "a string"
>>> pairs["i"] = 7
>>> pairs["f"] = 3.4
>>> pairs["L"] = [1,2,3]
>>> pairs["n"] = None
>>> pairs["d"] = {"AZ": "Phoenix", "NC": "Raleigh"}
```

```
>>> pairs{'f': 3.4, 's': 'a string', 'i': 7, 'n': None, 'd': {'AZ':
'Phoenix', 'NC': 'Raleigh'}, 'L': [1, 2, 3]}
```

Dictionary values can be anything!

At hand:

```
>>> pairs = {}
```

```
>>> pairs["d"] = {"AZ": "Phoenix", "NC": "Raleigh"}
```

Let's work with pairs:

```
>>> pairs["d"]
{'AZ': 'Phoenix', 'NC': 'Raleigh'}
>>> pairs["d"]["AZ"]
'Phoenix'
>>> pairs["d"]["NC"]
'Raleigh'
>>> pairs["d"]["NC"][-1]
'h'
```

A dictionary of dictionaries Let's make some dictionaries:

>>> mis_units = { 'mis 101': 4, 'mis 102': 3, 'mis 202': 2 }
>>> csc_units = { 'csc 110': 4, 'csc 120': 4, 'csc 352': 3 }
>>> ece_units = { 'ece 111': 3, 'ece 222': 3, 'ece 333': 4 }

Let's make a dictionary of dictionaries!

```
>>> catalog =
    { "MIS" : mis_units, "CSC" : csc_units, "ECE" : ece_units
}
```

Some people would say that catalog is a "2d-dictionary" .

Others say "two-level dictionary". (First level is departments; second level is courses.)

A dictionary of dictionaries

>>> catalog

```
{'MIS': {'mis 101': 4, 'mis 102': 3, 'mis 202': 2}, 'CSC':
{'csc 110': 4, 'csc 120': 4, 'csc 352': 3}, 'ECE': {'ece
111': 3, 'ece 222': 3, 'ece 333': 4}}
```

>>> for dept in catalog: print(dept, ":", catalog[dept])

```
MIS : {'mis 101': 4, 'mis 102': 3, 'mis 202': 2}
CSC : {'csc 110': 4, 'csc 120': 4, 'csc 352': 3}
ECE : {'ece 111': 3, 'ece 222': 3, 'ece 333': 4}
```

Problem (ICA-5 prob. 1)

Do ICA-5 problem 1.

Problem

Write a function find_courses(catalog, units) that takes a twolevel dictionary 'catalog' and an int 'units' and returns a sorted list of courses having that number of units.

Usage:

```
>>> find_courses(catalog, 4)
```

- ['csc 110', 'csc 120', 'ece 333', 'mis 101']
- >>> for units in range(2,5):

print(units, "unit courses:", find courses(catalog, units))

- 2 unit courses: ['mis 202']
- 3 unit courses: ['csc 352', 'ece 111', 'ece 222', 'mis 102']
- 4 unit courses: ['csc 110', 'csc 120', 'ece 333', 'mis 101']
- A "sketch" of a valid catalog:

{'MIS': {'mis 102': 3, ...}, 'CSC': {'csc 110': 4, ...}, 'ECE': {...}}

Pseudocode

Spec: find_courses(catalog, units) returns a list of courses in 'catalog' having 'units' units.

```
A "sketch" of a valid catalog:
```

{'MIS': {'mis 102': 3, ...}, 'CSC': {'csc 110': 4, ...}, 'ECE': {...}} Pseudocode:

```
def find_courses(catalog, units):
```

```
courses = []
```

for each department

```
for each course in department
```

```
if course's units == units:
```

```
add it to courses
```

```
return sorted courses
```

Whiteboard: write find_courses!

Solution



What questions do you have? Can it be improved?

Improved

def find_courses2(catalog, units): # NOTES/find_courses2.py
 courses = []

for dept in catalog:
 dept_cat = catalog[dept]

```
for course in dept_cat:
```

```
if dept_cat[course] == units:
```

courses.append(course)

return sorted(courses)

What did we change?

Introduced an intermediate variable.

- Definitely cleaner
- <u>Maybe</u> faster

Problem (ICA-5 prob. 2)

Add a 3 unit course called 'csc 245' to catalog. >>> catalog

{'MIS': {'mis 101': 4, 'mis 102': 3, 'mis 202': 2}, 'CSC': {'csc 110': 4, 'csc 120': 4, 'csc 352': 3}, 'ECE': {'ece 111': 3, 'ece 222': 3, 'ece 333': 4}}

Solution

>>> catalog['CSC']['csc 245'] = 3

Problem (ICA-5 prob. 3)

>>> catalog

{'MIS': {'mis 101': 4, 'mis 102': 3, 'mis 202': 2}, 'CSC': {'csc 110': 4, 'csc 120': 4, 'csc 352': 3}, 'ECE': {'ece 111': 3, 'ece 222': 3, 'ece 333': 4}}

To add a 3-course unit to the 'CSC' inner dictionary: >>> catalog['CSC']['csc 245'] = 3 How to add a course for a *new* department 'ENGL'? Solution:

```
>>> catalog['ENGL'] = {'engl 101': 3}
```

Problem (ICA-5 prob. 4)

Count the keys in a 2-d dictionary.

Experiment

```
What's the output?
def main():
d = {}
for c in "TIP":
d[c] = c
```

```
for k in d.keys():
    print(k, end=" ")
print()
```

main()

```
Output with Python 3.5.2:

$ python3.5 dict_order.py

P T I

$ python3.5 dict_order.py

I T P

$ python3.5 dict_order.py

T P I
```

Output with Python 3.6.2: \$ python3.6 dict_order.py T I P \$ python3.6 dict_order.py T I P \$ python3.6 dict_order.py T I P

IMPORTANT: The insertion order of keys is not guaranteed to be the iteration order in all versions of Python!

Dictionary Summary

Operation	Result
{k1:v1, k2: v3,}	Dictionary literal. {} is empty dictionary.
len(d)	Return the number of items in the dictionary d.
d[key]	Return the item of d with key key. Raises an error if key is not in the dictionary.
d[key] = value	Set d[key] to value.
del d[key]	Remove d[key] from d. Raises an error if key is not in the dictionary. (not discussed)
key in d	Return True in d has a key key, else False.
key not in d	Equivalent to not key in d.
keys()	Returns an iterable object that will produce all keys
values()	Returns an iterable object that will produce all value
items()	Returns an iterable object that will produce 2-tuples with key/value pairs. (Tuples coming RSN!)

Need tuples before discussing items().

python review: tuples

Tuples ("toople", not "tupple")

A Python tuple is like a Python list that is immutable—a tuple can't be changed.

Let's make a tuple: >>> location = (17.2, 35.9, "Z3") >>> location (17.2, 35.9, 'Z3')

>>> type(location)
<class 'tuple'>

An item can be fetched with indexing: >>> location[0] 17.2

Tuples

An item cannot be assigned to: (tuples are immutable!) >>> location[1] = 23.7

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

Items cannot be added to or removed from a tuple: >>> location.append(7)

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AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append' >>> location.pop(1)

• • •

AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'pop'

Tuples

What does the following assignment do?

```
(17.2, 35.9, 'Z3')
>>> x, y, sector = location  # parallel assignment
>>> x
```

```
17.2
>>> y
35.9
>>> sector
'Z3'
>>> x = location[0]
>>> y = location[1]
>>> sector = location[2]
```

The assignment above can be called a *destructuring assignment*.

Style note: When getting multiple values from a tuple, use parallel assignment rather than a series of indexings.

Do we need tuples?

Are tuples just impoverished lists? Do we really need them?

- Using a tuple communicates to the reader that the collection of items is fixed in size and that the items won't change.
 - (0,0) # 2d point
 - (10,-17,-34) # 3d point
 - (5,7,59) # hours, minutes, seconds
 - (10,5,2,5.6) # box dimensions and weight
 - ("Gould-Simpson", 32.229805, -110.9550234)
 - ("upper","left")

Do we need tuples?

Dictionary keys must be immutable values.

Tuples can be keys because they are immutable.
 >> d = {}
 >> d[(0,0)] = "origin"

```
>>> d
{(0, 0): 'origin'}
```

Lists cannot be keys because they are mutable.
 >> d[[75,98]] = "center"

... TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'

Problem

A function can only return one value but sometimes we want that one value to consist of multiple values.

Example:

The function min_max(L) returns the smallest and largest <u>even</u> numbers in L, a list of integers.

What should be the type of the value returned by min_max? A tuple!

Usage:

>>> min_max([5, 10, 3, 4, 7, 12, 18, 1, 25]) (4, 18)



The function min_max(L) returns a tuple of the smallest and largest numbers in L, a list of integers.

Use the min() and max() built-in functions:

```
Reminder:

>>> L = [10,5,7,12,3]

>>> min(L)

3

>>> max(L)

12
```

Work with your neighbor(s) and write min_max. (2 min)

Solution

return min(evens), max(evens)

Use parallel assignment to unpack the tuple

Usage:

```
>>> low, high = min_max([5, 10, 3, 4, 7, 12, 18, 1, 25])
>>> print("The range is", low, "..", high)
The range is 4 .. 18
```

dict.items()

Dictionaries have an items() method that is similiar to the keys() and values() methods.

Speculate: What does dict.items() return?

```
>>> romans
{'V': 5, 'L': 50, 'I': 1, 'X': 10}
>>> romans.items()
dict_items([('V', 5), ('L', 50), ('I', 1), ('X', 10)])
```

Let's revisit print_pairs from earlier:

```
def print_pairs2(d):
    for key, value in d.items():
        print(key, ":", value)
```

Speculate: What does sorted(dict.items()) return?

EXERCISE-ICA-6 prob 1

Print the keys and values of the catalog dictionary using items().

Work with your neighbor(s)

Tuples are sequences

Along with lists, strings, and ranges, <u>tuples are sequences</u>. All of the sequence operations (shown below) can used with tuples.

Operation	Result	
x in s	True if an item of <i>s</i> is equal to <i>x</i> , else False	
x not in s	False if an item of s is equal to x , else True	
s + t	the concatenation of <i>s</i> and <i>t</i>	
s * n or n * s	equivalent to adding <i>s</i> to itself <i>n</i> times	
s[i]	<i>i</i> th item of <i>s</i> , origin 0	elements
s[i:j]	slice of <i>s</i> from <i>i</i> to <i>j</i> are:	i, i+k, i+2k,
s[i:j:k]	slice of <i>s</i> from <i>i</i> to <i>j</i> with step <i>k</i>	
len(s)	length of s	
min(s)	smallest item of <i>s</i>	
<pre>max(s)</pre>	largest item of <i>s</i>	
<pre>s.index(x[, i[, j]])</pre>	index of the first occurrence of <i>x</i> in <i>s</i> (at or after index <i>i</i> and before index <i>j</i>)	
<pre>s.count(x)</pre>	total number of occurrences of x in s	

Source: https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#sequence-types-list-tuple-range

Tuples are sequences

```
Let's try some sequence operations on tuples.
   >>> t = (10, "twenty", 30.0, [40])
   >>> len(t)
   4
   >>> t2 = t * 2
   >>> t2
   (10, 'twenty', 30.0, [40], 10, 'twenty', 30.0, [40])
   >>> t2[1:-1]
    ('twenty', 30.0, [40], 10, 'twenty', 30.0)
```

Parentheses often optional

```
Tuple literals can <u>often</u> be written without parentheses
>>> t = 3,4
>>> type(t)
<class 'tuple'>
```

```
>>> for item in 3,4,5:
```

. . .

```
>>> low,high = min_max([3,4,7,1,8])
def f():
    return 3,4
```

Use parentheses if needed for clarity

Lists vs. tuples

Thoughts about choosing a list vs. a tuple to store items:

- Needing to store varying numbers of items requires a list.
- Needing to assign to items requires a list.
- Grouping a fixed number of values, like coordinates in a 3Dpoint, suggests a tuple.
- A group of a fixed number of dissimilar values, like name, weight, birthday, and address especially suggests a tuple.
- A sequence of elements used as a dictionary key requires a tuple.

But, there are no hard and fast rules. Sometimes the choice is simply a matter of style. Experience helps, too.

Mixtures of mutabilities

```
>>> x = ( ['aa', 'bb'], ['cc', 'dd'], ['ee'] )
>>> x[0] = 'ff'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  x[0] = 'ff'
```

Tuples are immutable

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

```
>>> x[0][0] = 'ff'
>>> x
(['ff', 'bb'], ['cc', 'dd'], ['ee'])
```

Lists are mutable

>>> x[0][0][0] = 'a' Traceback (most recent call last): x[0][0][0] = 'a' TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

Strings are immutable

```
>>> x = ( ['aa', 'bb'], ['cc', 'dd'], ['ee'] )
>>> x[0] = 'ff'
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
x[0] = 'ff'
```

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

```
>>> x[0][0] = 'ff'
>>> x
(['ff', 'bb'], ['cc', 'dd'], ['ee'])
```

0 1 2 tuple X lists а a с с е e strings d d b b

>>> x[0][0][0] = 'a'

Traceback (most recent call last):

x[0][0][0] = 'a'

TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

EXERCISE-ICA-6 prob 2

Working with mixtures of types.

Work with your neighbor(s)

Will it work?

```
Which of the following assignments work?
    >>>> t = (1,"two",[3,4,5])
    >>> t[2][1] = (4,4)
    >>> t
    (1, 'two', [3, (4, 4), 5])
    >>> t2 = 6,7
   >>> t[-1].append([t2])
    >>> t
    (1, 'two', [3, (4, 4), 5, [(6, 7)]])
    >>> t2[0] = "six"
    . . .
    TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

Surprise!

Observe:

>>> x = [[10,20]]

```
>>> y = x * 3
>>> y
[[10, 20], [10, 20], [10, 20]]
```

```
>>> y[0].append(30)
```

```
>>> y
[[10, 20, 30], [10, 20, 30], [10, 20, 30]]
```

Why??

The list replication (x * 3) created a list with three references to x!

Surprise!

```
Observe:
    >>> x = [[10,20]]
    >>> y = x * 3
    >>> y
    [[10, 20], [10, 20], [10, 20]]
   >>> y[0].append(30)
    >>> y
    [[10, 20, 30], [10, 20, 30], [10, 20, 30]]
```

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References:

- important topic!
- \circ will study in detail soon

python review:
 format()

(read on your own)
Motivation

Printing a mix of values and literals can be pretty tedious: >>> a, b, c = 10, 'test', 3.4 # parallel assignment

Here's another way: >>> print("a = {}, b = {}, c = {}".format(a, b, c)) a = 10, b = test, c = 3.4

What is it?

At hand: >>> print("a = {}, b = {}, c = {}".format(a, b, c)) a = 10, b = test, c = 3.4

Work with your neighbor(s):

Attempt to explain how the print() statement is being evaluated. In particular:

What is "format"?

What type does format produce?

What are the curly braces doing?

What is it?

At hand:

>>> print("a = {}, b = {}, c = {}".format(a, b, c)) a = 10, b = test, c = 3.4

- format() is a string method.
- It *interpolates* each argument in turn where {} appears.
- It returns a string. (How would you "prove" that?)

Analogs in other languages:

- printf() in C
- String.format() in Java

count_chars.py improvement

For reference:

```
>>> "{}-{}".format(10,20)
'10-20'
```

Recall this loop from count_chars.py:

```
for c in chars:
    count = count_char(c, lines)
    print("'" + c + "': " + str(count)) # example: 'a': 10
```

Problem: Rewrite the print to use format.

```
>>> print("'{}': {}".format(c, count))
'a': 10
```

format() can do lots!

Here's a sampling of the many kinds of specifications that format() handles:

>>> "|{:6d}|>{:^20}<, third = {:7.3f}, {!r}". format(100,"center me!",100/3," a ")

"| 100|> center me! <, third = 33.333, 'a '"

More on format():

https://docs.python.org/dev/library/string.html#formatstring-syntax