

# Python Kick-off (Extended)



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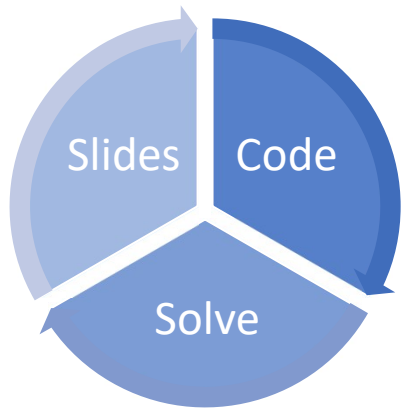


# What's Covered in this Kick-Off

- Main aim – to provide Python language basics, e.g...
  - *What is Python and how do I use it?*
  - *Options for writing and running Python programs (code editors and the like)*
  - *Python syntax and basic operations on objects*
    - *Iteration & Decision Making*
    - *Python's Fundamental Data Types*
      - *integers, floats, strings, lists, tuples, sets, dictionaries*
  - *The makeup of a Python program*
    - *Scripts, Modules, Packages*
    - *Python's Standard Library*
    - *Installing additional modules with Pip and PyPi*

# How it Runs

- Repeated



- *Slides – me talking, showing you stuff; you asking questions*
  - *Followed by*
- *Together as a group we'll solve a problem by writing code*
  - *Followed by*
- *Individual or group problem-solving (a sort of real-time homework)*

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- At the end of the Kick-off

- *You'll get a copy of the slides (inc notes)*
- *Various post-course 'Challenge Problems' for you to work on to consolidate your knowledge (c/w code snippets and model answers)*

# Python

- Created by Guido van Rossum (1991)
- Latest major version 3.10.5 (06/06/2022)
  - [\*What's New in 3.10\*](#)
- Interpreted & Compiled to Byte Code (CPython)
  - Other [\*special implementations available\*](#). For example, a version that runs on microcontrollers.
- Dynamically typed



# Python – The Library, and other Packages

- Standard Modules/Packages (337)

- [docs.python.org/3/py-modindex.html](https://docs.python.org/3/py-modindex.html)

- Others

- [pypi.python.org/pypi](https://pypi.python.org/pypi)

- ≈270,000 packages/projects

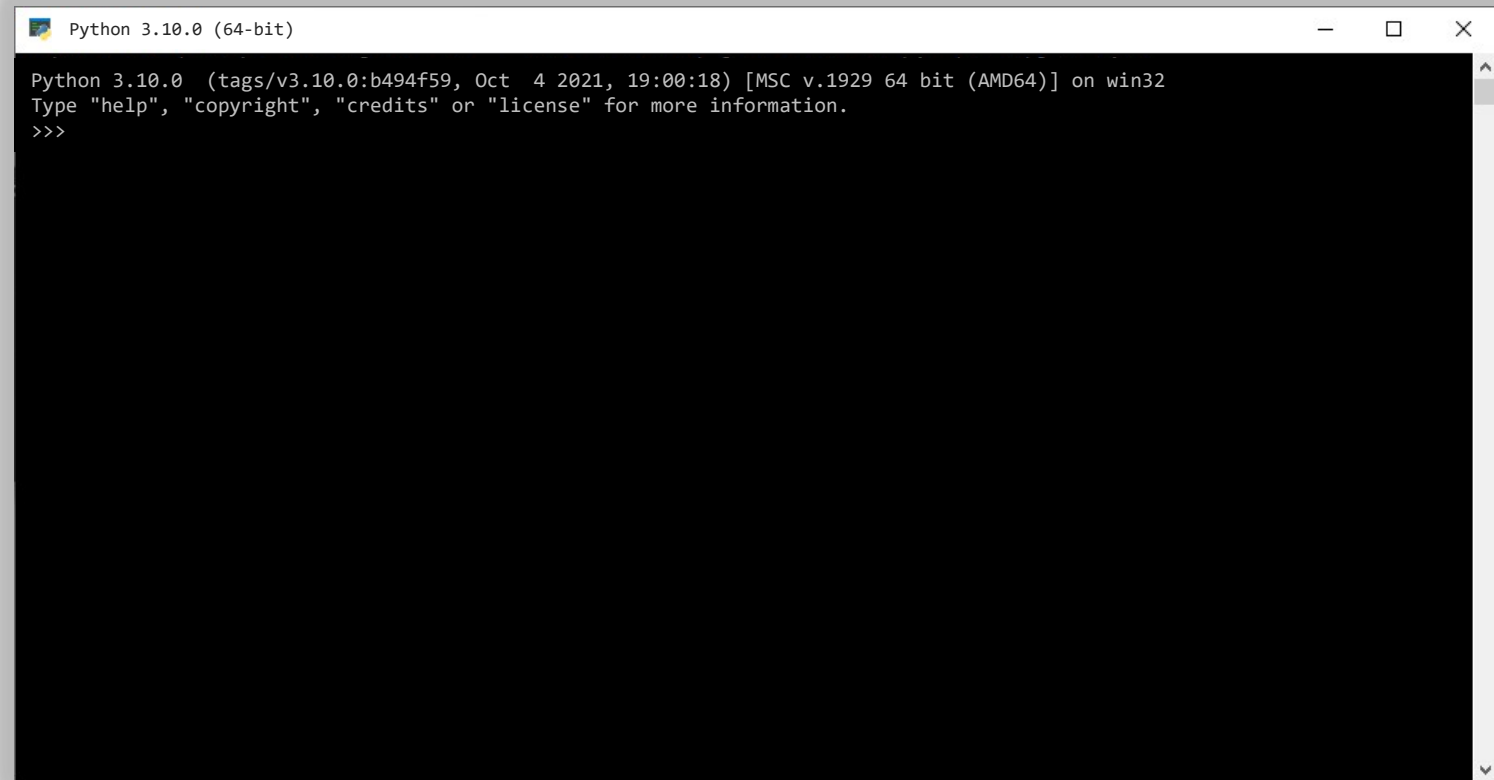
- *Graphical user interfaces*
    - *Web frameworks*
    - *Multimedia*
    - *Databases*
    - *Networking*
    - *Test frameworks*
    - *Automation*
    - *Web scraping*



- *System administration*
    - *Scientific computing*
    - *Text and NL processing*
    - *Image processing*
    - *Machine learning and AI*
    - *Games development*
    - *Home automation*
    - *Financial*
    - ...

[docs.python.org/3.10/library/index.html](https://docs.python.org/3.10/library/index.html)

# The Python REPL



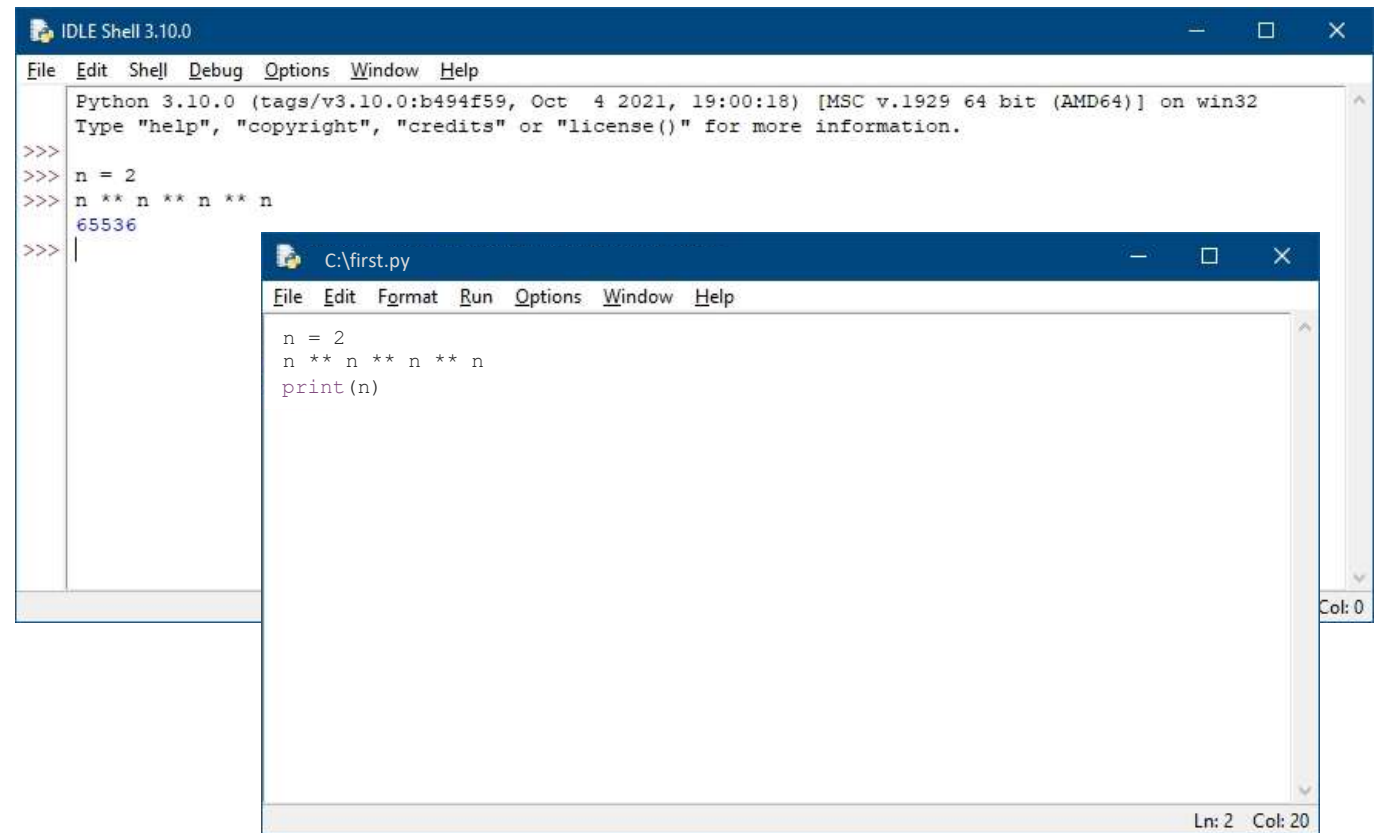
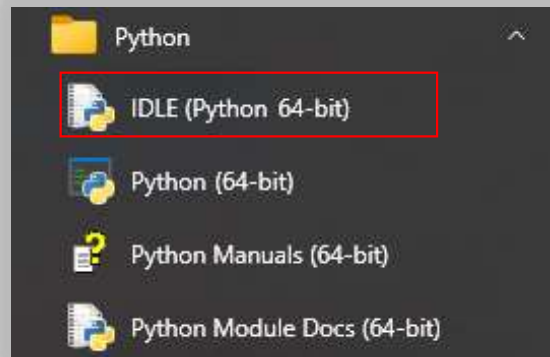
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Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>>
```

A screenshot of the Python 3.10.0 (64-bit) REPL window. The window title bar reads 'Python 3.10.0 (64-bit)'. The main content area is black with white text. It displays the Python version and build information: 'Python 3.10.0 (tags/v3.10.0:b494f59, Oct 4 2021, 19:00:18) [MSC v.1929 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32'. Below this, it says 'Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.' and the prompt '>>>' is shown on the next line.

# (Eric) Idle

[sourceforge.net/projects/idlex](https://sourceforge.net/projects/idlex)



# Installing a Python IDE

[wiki.python.org/moin/IntegratedDevelopmentEnvironments](https://wiki.python.org/moin/IntegratedDevelopmentEnvironments)



[pyscripter](https://pyscripter.org/)



[pycharm](https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/)



[code.visualstudio](https://code.visualstudio.com/)

[Set the default configuration](https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/getstarted/config)



[anaconda.com](https://anaconda.com/)



[sublimetext.com](https://sublimetext.com/)

**CodeSkulptor3**

[codeskulptor.org](https://codeskulptor.org/)



[repl.it](https://repl.it/)



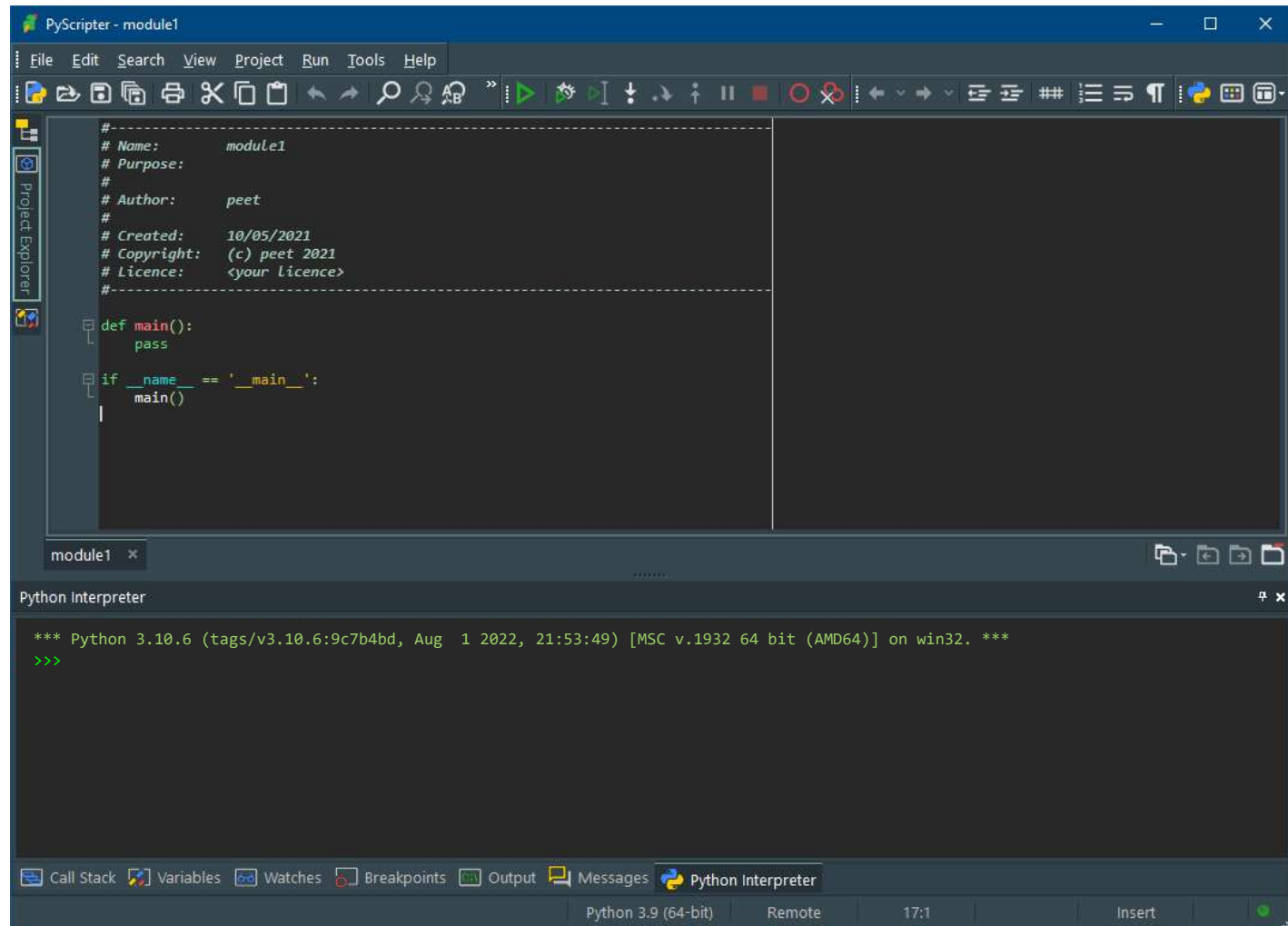
[jupyter.org](https://jupyter.org/)

**colab**

[colab.research.google.com](https://colab.research.google.com/)



# PyScripter (Windows)



# Using variables. $E = mc^2$

```
m = 1/1000 # kilograms.  
  
c = 299_792_458 # metres per second.  
  
e = m * (c ** 2) # joules.  
  
eInTonOfTNT = 4.184 * 10 ** 9 # gigajoules.  
  
print(round(e / eInTonOfTNT)) # energy in 1 gram of anything  
# equal to 21,481 tons of TNT.  
  
21484  
  
>>>
```



# Built-in Data Types

| Type                            | Mutable | Iterable |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| ▪ int                           | No      | n/a      |
| ▪ bool                          | No      | n/a      |
| ▪ float                         | No      | n/a      |
| ▪ str                           | No      | n/a      |
| ▪ set                           | Yes     | Yes      |
| ▪ dict (immutable keys, values) | Yes     | Yes      |
| ▪ list (indexes numbers)        | Yes     | Yes      |
| ▪ tuple                         | No      | Yes      |

[See also: Collections – other high-performance container datatypes](#)

# Operators

- Operators: `+` `-` `/` `*` `//` `%` `**` *(% is modulus; // is integer division)*
- Bitwise: `&` `|` `~` `^` `<<` `>>` *(treating numbers as binary bits)*
- Logical: `and` `or` `not` *(if this `or` that, `and not` the other)*
- Other: `in` (membership) `is` (identity)
- Comparison: `==` `!=` `>=` `<=` `>` `<`

# Decision Making

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```
# value check.
```

```
#
```

```
# is x's value the same as n's value?
```

```
if x == n: # testing == results in either True or False
```

```
    do something
```

```
else: # x and n don't have the same value. How do they differ?
```

```
    do something else
```

```
if ____ and ____ and not ____ or ____:
```

# Decision Making

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```
if httpStatus == 400:
    print("Bad request")

elif httpStatus == 401 or httpStatus == 403: # elif means 'else if'
    print("Forbidden")

elif httpStatus == 404:
    print("Not found")

elif httpStatus == 418:
    print("I'm a teapot!")

else: # Nothing else matched httpStatus' value, so do this.
    print("Something went wrong, but who knows what!")
```

# Decision Making

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```
if httpStatus == 400:
    print("Bad request")

elif httpStatus in (401, 403): # (401, 403) a 'Tuple' containing two values.
    print("Forbidden")

elif httpStatus == 404:
    print("Not found")

elif httpStatus == 418:
    print("I'm a teapot!")

else:
    print("Something went wrong, but who knows what!")
```

# Decision Making – match, new in 3.10.0

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```
match httpStatus:
    case 400:
        print("Bad request")
    case 401 | 403:
        print("Forbidden")
    case 404:
        print("Not found")
    case 418:
        print("I'm a teapot!")
    case _:
        print("Something went wrong, but who knows what!")
```

Much more powerful than this.



# Iteration/Repetition

```
n = 5  
i = 1
```

```
# Or
```

```
# n = 5; i = 1
```

```
# n, i = 5, 1
```

```
while i <= n: # while True  
    #  
    print(i) # do this  
    #  
    i = i + 1 # and this
```

```
print('Done')
```

```
for i in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]: # a 'List'.  
    print(i)
```

```
print('Done')
```

```
n = 5
```

```
for i in range(1, n + 1):  
    print(i)
```

```
print('Done')
```

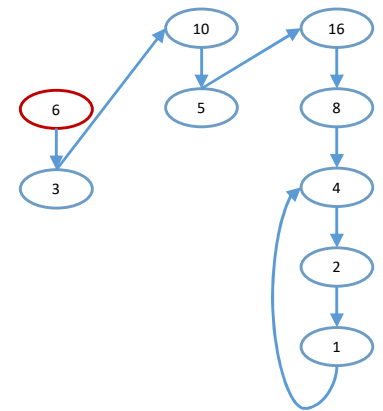


# Problem Work-Through

- Write a program that continually re-calculates a value in a *loop*; stopping only if the calculated value is ever equal to 1:

- Rules:

- 1. Prompt for an arbitrary positive whole number.
- 2. If the number's value is 1, the program terminates
- 3. Otherwise, the program outputs the current value, and then checks whether the value is odd or even
  - If it is even, the program sets the current value to a new one by dividing it by 2, otherwise the program updates the current value by multiplying it by 3 and adding 1
- Return to step 2.





# Individual or Group Problem Solving



## Real-time Problem (choose 1)

- Write a program that loops through  $n$  values, 1 – 100:
  - *if  $n$  is exactly divisible by 3, output 'fizz'*
  - *if  $n$  is exactly divisible by 5, output 'buzz'*
  - *if  $n$  is exactly divisible by both 5 and 3, output 'fizzbuzz'*
  - *if none of the above, just output  $n$ 's value*
- Modify the  $3n + 1$  code:
  - *Modify the code so as to count the number of loops it makes before stopping, e.g., an input value of 100 decays to 1 in 26 loop-cycles*
  - *Try different starting values, what is your personal record for the number of cycles taken for a particular input?*
  - *Can you find a starting value so that the code never completes ( $n$  never goes to 1)?*

# Fizzbuzz – a solution

```
for n in range(1, 100 + 1):  
  
    if n % 3 == 0 and n % 5 == 0: print('fizzbuzz')  
  
    elif n % 3 == 0: print('fizz')  
  
    elif n % 5 == 0: print('buzz')  
  
    else: print(n)
```

# Fizzbuzz – a solution

```
for n in range(1, 100 + 1):  
  
    if n % 15 == 0: print('fizzbuzz')  
  
    elif n % 3 == 0: print('fizz')  
  
    elif n % 5 == 0: print('buzz')  
  
    else: print(n)
```

# Fizzbuzz – a solution

```
for n in range(1, 100 + 1):  
  
    s = '' # empty string, length is zero.  
  
    if n % 3 == 0: s += 'fizz' # same as s = s + 'fizz'.  
  
    if n % 5 == 0: s += 'buzz'  
  
    if len(s) == 0: s = str(n) # s is still empty? Set it to string version of n.  
  
    print(s)
```

# $3n + 1$ Problem (the Collatz Conjecture)

```
n = abs(int(input('Enter a whole positive integer value')))

while True:

    print(n)

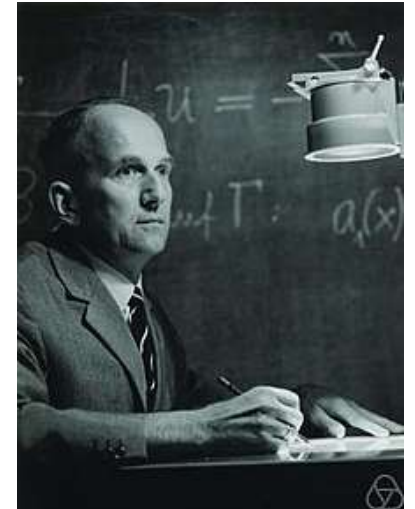
    if n == 1:
        break # we're done, breaks out of the loop.

    if n & 1: # n is Odd. Could also use if n % 2 == 1, or simply, if n % 2:

        n *= 3 # same as n = n * 3.
        n += 1 # same as n = n + 1.

    else: # n is Even.

        n //= 2 # same as n = n // 2.
```



Lothar Collatz

Paul Erdős said, "Mathematics may not be ready for such problems".

[Further reading](#)



# Outputting values

```
print(x, y)
```

```
print("x is ", end = ''); print(x, end = ''); print(", y is ", end = ''); print(y)
```

```
print("x is ", x, ", y is ", y)
```

```
print("x is " + str(x) + ", y is " + str(y))
```

old ways to  
format output

```
print("x is %d, y is %.1f" % (x, y)) # printf style, from C/C++
```

```
print("x is {}, y is {}".format(x, y)) # format >= Python 2.6
```

```
print("x is {0}, x + y is {0} + {1} = {2}".format(x, y, x + y))
```

```
print(f"x is {x}, x + y is {x} + {y} = {x + y}") # f-string >= Python 3.6
```

new way to  
format output

## Math module functions

- `import math`

- *You can now access any math function by putting **math.** in front of it:*

- `print(math.sqrt(5))`

- `2.2360679774997898`

- `from math import *`

- `print(floor(log(255, 2) + 1))`

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# import

A few math module functions (use `dir(math)` for entire list)

| Name                      | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>ceil(x)</code>      | Ceiling of x  |
| <code>cos(x)</code>       | Cosine of x   |
| <code>degrees(x)</code>   | Converts x from radians to degrees                    |
| <code>exp(x)</code>       | e to the power of x                                   |
| <code>factorial(n)</code> | Calculates $n! = 1*2*3*...*n$<br>n must be an integer |
| <code>log(x)</code>       | Base e logarithm of x                                 |
| <code>log(x, b)</code>    | Base b logarithm of x                                 |
| <code>pow(x, y)</code>    | x to the power of y                                   |
| <code>radians(x)</code>   | Converts x from degrees to radians                    |
| <code>sin(x)</code>       | Sine of x   |
| <code>sqrt(x)</code>      | Square root of x                                      |
| <code>tan(x)</code>       | Tangent of x  |

# Built-in Data Types

| Type    | Mutable               | Iterable | Subscriptable       |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------|
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| ▪ bool  | No                    | n/a      | n/a                 |
| ▪ float | No                    | n/a      | n/a                 |
| ▪ str   | No                    | Yes      | Yes                 |
| ▪ list  | Yes                   | Yes      | Yes                 |
| ▪ dict  | Yes ( <i>values</i> ) | Yes      | Yes ( <i>keys</i> ) |
| ▪ tuple | No ( <i>ish</i> )     | Yes      | Yes                 |
| ▪ set   | Yes                   | Yes      | No                  |

[See also: Collections - High-performance container datatypes](#)

# List – ordered, indexed

- Created using `[ ]` or `list()`, e.g.,

|   |                       |   |                              |
|---|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ▪ <code>l = [0, '1', 2]</code>  | <code>print(l)</code> | → | <code>[0, '1', 2]</code>     |
| ▪ <code>l = list('012')</code>  | <code>print(l)</code> | → | <code>['0', '1', '2']</code> |
| ▪ <code>l = [int(n) for n in '012']</code> # a <i>list comprehension</i> , <code>[0, 1, 2]</code> . |                       |   |                              |

- Iterable

- `for n in l: print(n)`

- Mutable / sliceable

- `l.append(4)`
- `l = l[1:]` # Slicing.

- Indexable

- `print(l[1])`

# Dictionaries – ordered (3.6), indexed

- Created using `{}` or `dict()`, e.g.,

- `d = {0:'1', 1:'2', 2:'3'}`      `print(d)`       $\longrightarrow$  `{0:'1', 1:'2', 2:'3'}`  
   `print(list(d))`       $\longrightarrow$  `[0, 1, 2]` # keys.
  - `d = {a:str(b) for a, b in enumerate(range(1, 4))}` # *dictionary comprehension*.

- Iterable

- `for n in d: print(n)` # prints *keys*. `print(n, d[n])` prints *keys* and *values*.

- Mutable

- `d[len(d)] = '4'` # changes the 2 key's *value* to '4'.

- Indexable

- `print(d[1])` # prints the *value* associated with the *key* of 1, which is '2'.

# tuple – ordered, indexed

- Created using `( )` or `tuple()`, or `,` e.g.,

|   |                       |   |                              |
|---|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| ▪ <code>t = (0, '1', 2)</code>                                    | <code>print(t)</code> | → | <code>(0, '1', 2)</code>     |
| ▪ <code>t = 0, '1', 2</code>                                      | <code>print(t)</code> | → | <code>(0, '1', 2)</code>     |
| ▪ <code>t = tuple('012')</code>                                   | <code>print(t)</code> | → | <code>('0', '1', '2')</code> |
| ▪ <code>t = (int(n) for n in '012')</code> # a <i>generator</i> . |                       |   |                              |

- Iterable

- `for n in t: print(n)`

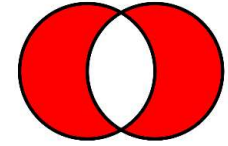
- Immutable / sliceable

- `t = t[1:]` # Slicing.

- Indexable

- `print(t[1])`

# Set – unordered, unindexed



- Created using `{?}` or `set()`, e.g.,

- `s = {0, '1', 2}`      `s.add(2)`
- `s = set('012')`
- `s = {int(n) for n in '012'}`

```
print(s)      →      {0, '1', 2}
print(s)      →      {'0', '1', '2'}
print(3 not in s) # same for any iterable.
```

- Iterable

- `for n in s: print(n)`

- Mutable

- `s.add(4); s.remove(3)`

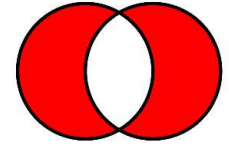
- Set operations

- `s.difference(k);`
- `s.intersection(k);`
- `s.union(k);`
- `s.symmetric_difference(k);`

`s - k`  
`s & k`  
`s | k`  
`s ^ k`

- `s.subset(k)`
- `s.superset(k)`

# Set



- `s.difference(k);`                       $s - k$
- `s.intersection(k);`                       $s \& k$
- `s.union(k);`                       $s \mid k$
- `s.symmetric_difference(k);`                       $s \wedge k$

- `s = set([1, 2, 3]); k = set([3, 4, 5])`
- `print(s)`                      # {1, 2, 3}
- `print(k)`                      # {3, 4, 5}
- `print(s - k)`                      # {1, 2}
- `print(s & k)`                      # {3}
- `print(s | k)`                      # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
- `print(s ^ k)`                      # {1, 2, 4, 5} ...  $\{(s - k) \cup (k - s)\}$

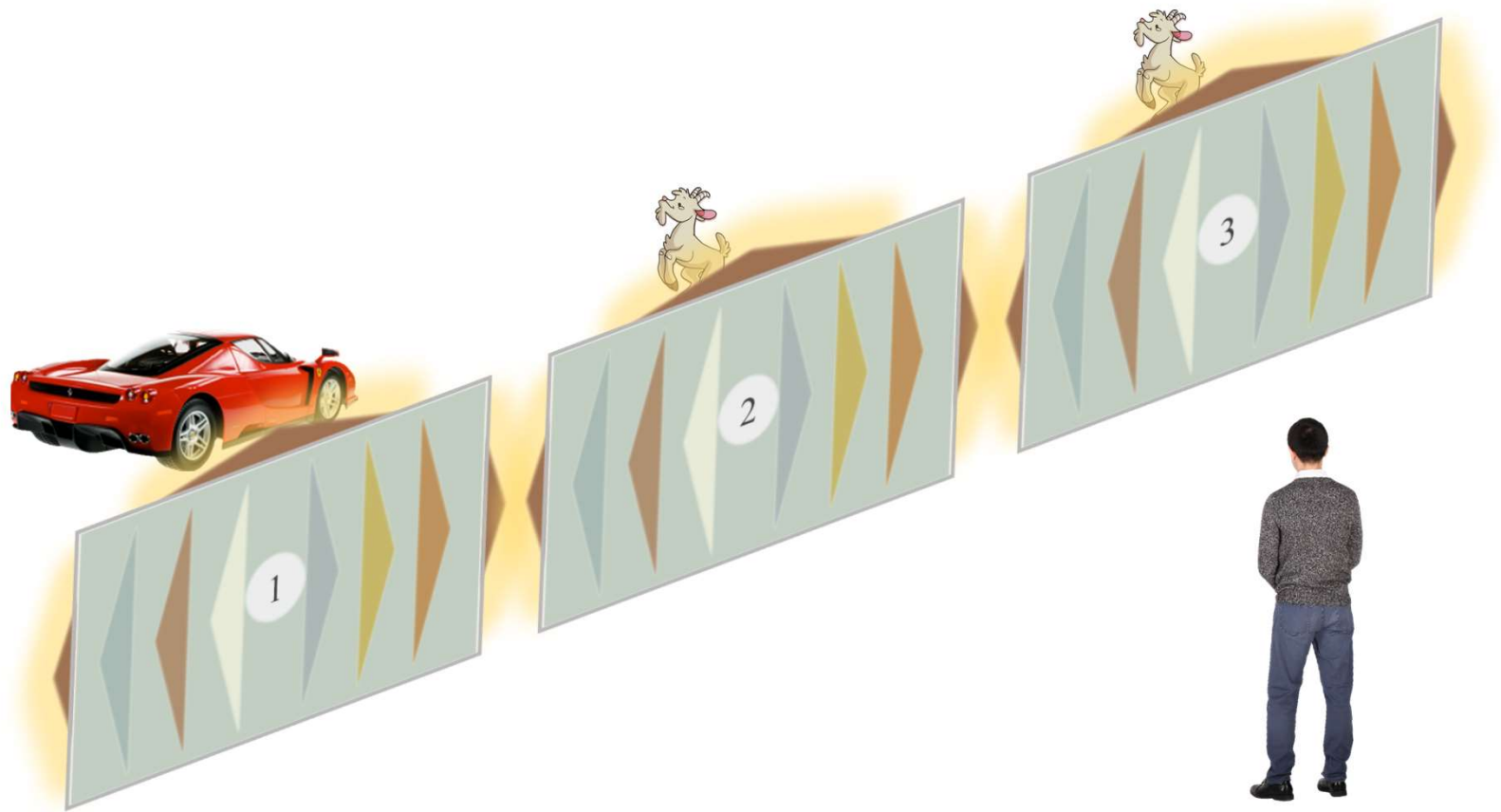




Problem Walk-Through

# The Monty Hall Problem







## Ask Marilyn™

BY MARILYN VOS SAVANT



**Suppose you're on a game show, and you're given the choice of three doors: Behind one door is a car; behind the others,**

**goats. You pick a door, say No. 1, and the host, who knows what's behind the doors, opens another door, say No. 3, which has a goat. He then says to you, "Do you want to pick door No. 2?" Is it to your advantage to switch your choice?**

**—Craig F. Whitaker, Columbia, Md.**

Yes; you should switch. The first door has a one-third chance of winning, but the second door has a two-thirds chance. Here's a good way to visualize what happened. Suppose there are a *million* doors, and you pick door No. 1. Then the host, who knows what's behind the doors and will always avoid the one with the prize, opens them all except door #777,777. You'd switch to that door pretty fast, wouldn't you?



Let me explain: If one door is shown to be a loser, that information changes the probability to  $1/2$ . As a professional mathematician, I'm very concerned with the general public's lack of mathematical skills. Please help by confessing your error and, in the future, being more careful.

—Robert Sachs, Ph.D.,  
George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

Your answer to the question is in error. But if it is any consolation, many of my academic colleagues also have been stumped by this problem.

—Barry Pasternack, Ph.D.,  
California Faculty Association

You blew it, and you blew it big! I'll explain: After the host reveals a goat, you now have a one-in-two chance of being correct. Whether you change your answer or not, the odds are the same. There is enough mathematical illiteracy in this country, and we don't need the world's highest IQ propagating more. Shame!

—Scott Smith, Ph.D., University of Florida

Your logic is in error, and I am sure you will receive many letters on this topic from high school and college students. Perhaps you should keep a few addresses for help with future columns.

—W. Robert Smith, Ph.D.,  
Georgia State University

I am in shock that after being corrected by at least three mathematicians, you still do not see your mistake.

—Kent Ford,  
Dickinson State University

You are utterly incorrect about the game-show question, and I hope this controversy will call some public attention to the serious national crisis in mathematical education. If you can admit your error, you will have contributed constructively toward the solution of a deplorable situation. How many irate mathematicians are needed to get you to change your mind?

—E. Ray Bobo, Ph.D.,  
Georgetown University

You are the goat!

—Glenn Calkins  
Western State College

You're wrong, but look at the positive side. If all those Ph.D.s were wrong, the country would be in very serious trouble.

—Everett Harman, Ph.D.,  
U.S. Army Research Institute

Maybe women look at math problems differently than men.

—Don Edwards, Sunriver, Ore.

May I suggest that you obtain and refer to a standard textbook on probability before you try to answer a question of this type again?

—Charles Reid, Ph.D.,  
University of Florida



# Problem Work-Through

- To test Marilyn's assertion, let's write a simulation of 'The Monty Hall Problem'.
  - *Monte Carlo Simulation (inferential statistics)*

# Monty Hall

```
import random

doors = [1, 2, 3]

games = 1000

carsWon = 0

for n in range(games):

    carDoor = random.choice(doors)
    playerDoor = random.choice(doors)

    # The host opens a different door to reveal a goat
    # (always able to do this as there are 2 goats).
    montyDoor = random.choice(list(set(doors) - set([carDoor, playerDoor])))

    # ~~~~ To stick, just comment out the next line -
    # it implements that the player is swapping doors.
    playerDoor = list(set(doors) - set([playerDoor, montyDoor]))[0]
```



```
if playerDoor == carDoor:
    carsWon += 1

print('The player won the car ' +
      str(round(carsWon / (games / 100))) +
      '% percent of the time')
```



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**Dear Marilyn:**

**You are indeed correct. My colleagues at work had a ball with this problem, and I dare say that most of them—including me at first—thought you were wrong!**

**—Seth Kalson, Ph.D.,  
Massachusetts Institute of  
Technology**

**Thanks, MIT. I needed that!**

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Maybe women look at math problems differently than men.

—Don Edwards, Sunriver, Ore.

May I suggest that you obtain and refer to a standard textbook on probability before you try to answer a question of this type again?

—Charles Reid, Ph.D.,  
University of Florida

See [cslab.com/monty](http://cslab.com/monty) for more.



# Individual or Group Problem Solving



# Real-time Problem

- Modify the  $3n + 1$  code:

- *If we didn't break out of the loop when we get to 1, we would loop endlessly over 4, 2, 1.*

*Alter your code to use a Python **set** to detect that we've previously seen an output, and break out of your loop when that's seen.*

- *Can you find other (hailstone) sequences by altering the algorithm slightly, i.e., those not terminating in 4, 2, 1? Hint, you'll need to start with negative starting values and look no further than, say, -20.*

*Can you do this programmatically (test a range of inputs consecutively in an outer loop)?*

- Use a *list comprehension* to create a **list** of the squares of the integers 1 – 10 inclusive.

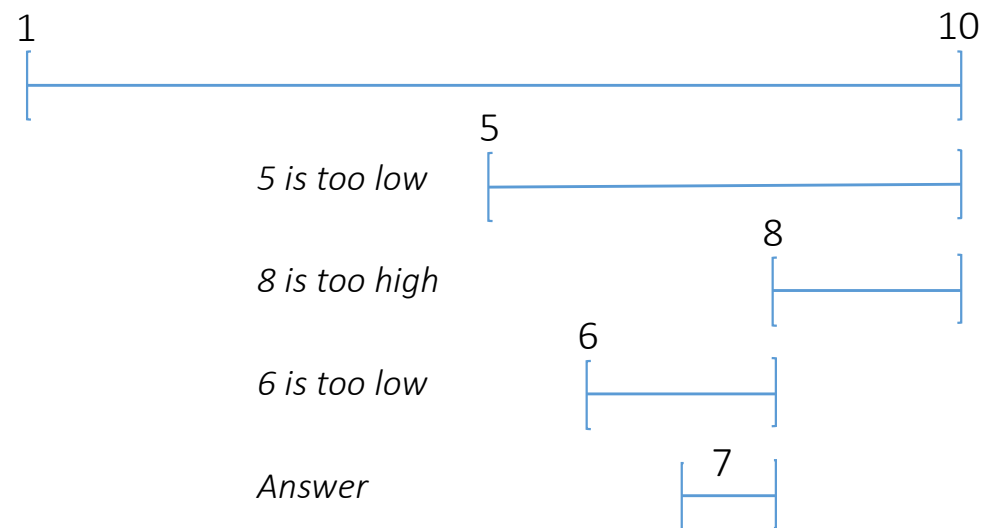
- *Then; a bit more complex – use `enumerate()` to build a **list** of two-element **lists** – the thing being squared, and the squared result, e.g.,*

```
[[1, 1],      # First enumeration, 12 is 1
 [2, 4],      # Second enumeration 22 is 4.
 [3, 9],      # ...
 [4, 16],
 [5, 25],
 [6, 36],
 [7, 49],
 [8, 64],
 [9, 81],
 [10, 100]]
```



## Real-time Problem

- Write the beginnings of a guessing game in which the program gives hints to the user. 'Pick a number between say, 1 and 10. Count how many guesses are required.



# $3n + 1$ Problem (using a set)

```
n = int(input('Enter a whole integer value'))

s = set() # using a set.

while True:

    print(n)

    if n in s: # set membership test.

        break

    s.add(n) # here only if n not a member of set s.

    if n & 1: # n is Odd. Could also use if n % 2 == 1:

        n *= 3
        n += 1

    else: # n is Even.

        n //= 2
```

## Math module functions

- `import math`

- *You can now access any math function by putting **math.** in front of it:*

- `print(math.sqrt(5))`

- `2.2360679774997898`

- `from math import *`

- `print(floor(log(255, 2) + 1))`

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# import

A few math module functions (use `dir(math)` for entire list)

| Name                      | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>ceil(x)</code>      | Ceiling of x  |
| <code>cos(x)</code>       | Cosine of x   |
| <code>degrees(x)</code>   | Converts x from radians to degrees                    |
| <code>exp(x)</code>       | e to the power of x                                   |
| <code>factorial(n)</code> | Calculates $n! = 1*2*3*...*n$<br>n must be an integer |
| <code>log(x)</code>       | Base e logarithm of x                                 |
| <code>log(x, b)</code>    | Base b logarithm of x                                 |
| <code>pow(x, y)</code>    | x to the power of y                                   |
| <code>radians(x)</code>   | Converts x from degrees to radians                    |
| <code>sin(x)</code>       | Sine of x   |
| <code>sqrt(x)</code>      | Square root of x                                      |
| <code>tan(x)</code>       | Tangent of x  |

# Functions

```
import math  
  
n = 100  
  
result = math.factorial(n)
```

```
def factorial(n):  
    prod = 1  
    for i in range(2, n + 1):  
        prod *= i # same as prod = prod * i  
    return prod
```

```
n = 100  
  
result = factorial(n)
```

# Functions

```
import math  
  
n = 100  
  
result = math.factorial(n)
```

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n == 1:  
        return 1  
  
    else:  
        return n * factorial(n - 1)  
  
n = 100  
  
result = factorial(n)
```

# Recursion vs Iteration

```
def fibonacci(n):  
    if n < 2:  
        return n  
    else:  
        return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)  
  
n = 11  
print([fibonacci(i) for i in range(n)])
```

```
>>> 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55
```

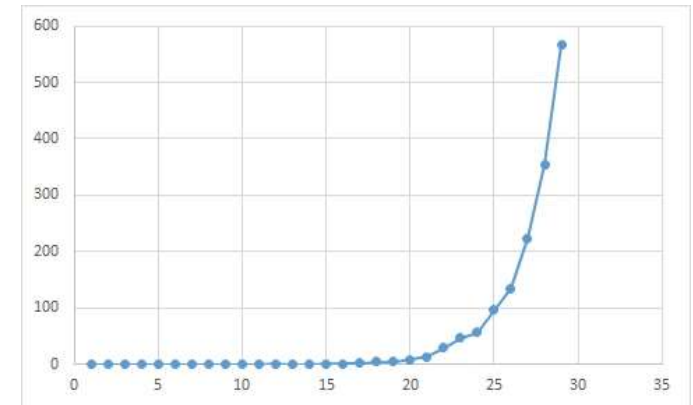
```
def fibonacci(n):  
    a = 1  
    b = 1  
    for _ in range(1, n):  
        t = a  
        a = b  
        b = t + b  
    return a  
  
n = 11  
print([fibonacci(n) for n in range(n)])
```

# Recursion - fibonacci

```
import time

def fibonacci(n):
    if n < 2:
        return n
    else:
        return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)

for n in [1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35]: # Increase in small increments.
    t1 = time.perf_counter_ns() # Nano second timer.
    k = fibonacci(n)
    t2 = time.perf_counter_ns()
    print(f'Computing the {n}th fib number ({k}) took {t2 - t1:,} nano seconds')
```



$$O(2^n)$$



## A bit more *pythonic*

```
def fibonacci(n):  
    a, b = 1, 1  
    for _ in range(1, n):  
        a, b = b, a + b  
    return a  
  
print(fibonacci(10))
```

# Monty Hall



```
import random

doors = [1, 2, 3]

def playGame():

    carDoor = random.choice(doors)
    playerDoor = random.choice(doors)

    # The host opens a different door to reveal a goat
    # (always able to do this as there are 2 goats).
    hostDoor = random.choice(list(set(doors) - set([carDoor, playerDoor])))

    # ~~~~ To stick, just comment out the next line -
    # it implements that the player is swapping doors.
    playerDoor = (set(doors) - set([playerDoor, hostDoor])).pop()

    return True if playerDoor == carDoor else False
```



```
carsWon = 0

for games in range(1000):
    if playGame():
        carsWon += 1

print('The player won the car ' +
      str(round(carsWon / (games / 100))) +
      '% percent of the time')
```

# Strings – immutable, ordered, indexed

```
s = 'hello world'           # variable called s
print(len(s))               # number of characters in s. 11
s = s.title()               # title case s, assign back to s
print(s)                    # 'Hello World'
print(s.find('o'))           # o is 4th char from left starting from 0
print(s.rfind('o'))          # different o in position 7
print(''.join(reversed(s)))  # 'dlrow olleH'
print('Wo' in s)             # True
n = s.find('World')          # n is 6
print(s[n:])                 # 'World'
print(s[0::2])               # 'HloWr d'
print(s[::-1])               # 'dlrow olleH'
```

# Strings and 'Slicing'

```
s = 'hello'
```

```
# s[start:xstop]
```

|     |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
|     | s[0] | s[1] | s[2] | s[3] | s[4] |
| s = | h    | e    | l    | l    | o    |

s[0] same as s[0:1] 

|   |
|---|
| h |
|---|

s[1] same as s[1:2] 

|   |
|---|
| e |
|---|

s[-4:-2] or s[1:3] 

|   |   |
|---|---|
| e | l |
|---|---|

# Class

```
import random

class dice():

    def __init__(self, sides = None):

        self.sides = 6 if sides is None else sides

        selfthrows = [n for n in range(1, self.sides + 1)]

    def throw(self): # throw is a method of dice.

        return random.choice(selfthrows)


d1 = dice(); d2 = dice(20)

print(d1.throw(), d2.throw())
```



# Problem Work-Through

- Write a program to generate a sequence of coin tosses. e.g., HTH.
- On average, how many coin-tosses are needed to see a given sequence?

| Sequence                | Tosses |
|-------------------------|--------|
| HTTTHHTTHHTTTTHTH       | 17     |
| HHHTTTHHTTHHTH          | 14     |
| HHHHTH                  | 6      |
| HHTH                    | 4      |
| HHHTTHHHTTTTHHTTHTH     | 19     |
| HHTTHHHHHHTTHHHTTHHHHTH | 22     |
| HTTHHHTH                | 8      |
| TTHHTTTHTTTHTH          | 14     |
| TTTHHTTTTTHTH           | 13     |
| THTH                    | 5      |
| THTTHTH                 | 7      |
| HTH                     | 3      |
| THHTH                   | 5      |
| HHTTTTTHHHHHTTTHTH      | 18     |
| HHHTH                   | 5      |

Average # of tosses to see HTH was ...

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.18363.836]
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C:\Users\peet>pip --help

Usage:
  pip <command> [options]

Commands:
  install           Install packages.
  download          Download packages.
  uninstall         Uninstall packages.
  freeze            Output installed packages in requirements format.
  list              List installed packages.
  show              Show information about installed packages.
  check             Verify installed packages have compatible dependencies.
  config            Manage local and global configuration.
  search            Search PyPI for packages.
  cache             Inspect and manage pip's wheel cache.
  wheel             Build wheels from your requirements.
  hash              Compute hashes of package archives.
  completion        A helper command used for command completion.
  debug             Show information useful for debugging.
  help              Show help for commands.

General Options:
  -h, --help          Show help.
  --isolated           Run pip in an isolated mode, ignoring environment variables and user configuration.
  -v, --verbose        Give more output. Option is additive, and can be used up to 3 times.
  -V, --version        Show version and exit.
  -q, --quiet          Give less output. Option is additive, and can be used up to 3 times (corresponding to WARNING, ERROR, and CRITICAL logging levels).
  --log <path>        Path to a verbose appending log.
  --proxy <proxy>      Specify a proxy in the form [user:passwd@]proxy.server:port.
  --retries <retries>  Maximum number of retries each connection should attempt (default 5 times).
  --timeout <sec>     Set the socket timeout (default 15 seconds).
  --exists-action <action> Default action when a path already exists: (s)witch, (i)gnore, (w)ipe, (b)ackup, (a)bort.
  --trusted-host <hostname> Mark this host or host:port pair as trusted, even though it does not have valid or any HTTPS.
  --cert <path>        Path to alternate CA bundle.
  --client-cert <path> Path to SSL client certificate, a single file containing the private key and the certificate in PEM format.
  --cache-dir <dir>    Store the cache data in <dir>.
  --no-cache-dir       Disable the cache.
  --disable-pip-version-check Don't periodically check PyPI to determine whether a new version of pip is available for download. Implied with --no-index.
  --no-color            Suppress colored output
  --no-python-version-warning Silence deprecation warnings for upcoming unsupported Python versions.

C:\Users\peet>
```

# Package installation (pip/pip3)

- Use pip to
  - *pip install numpy*
  - and
  - *pip install matplotlib*
- Used on the following slide

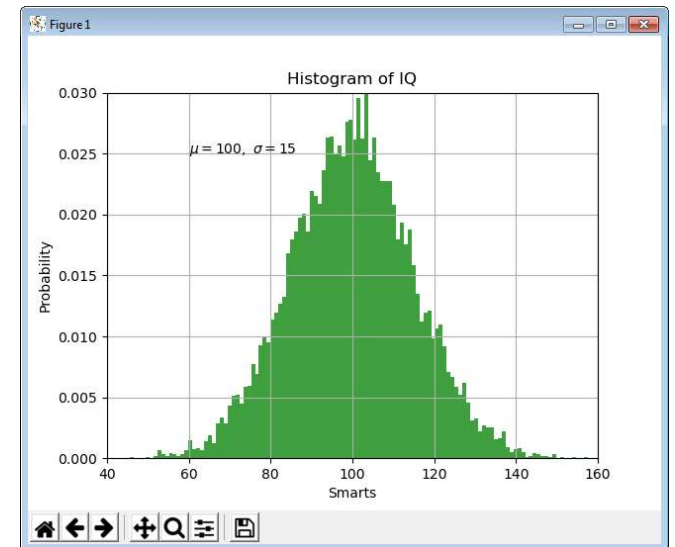
Copy the code below into a new module to test your installation

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

mu, sigma = 100, 15
data_set = mu + sigma * np.random.randn(10000)

plt.hist(data_set, 125, density = 1, facecolor = 'g', alpha = 0.75)

plt.xlabel('Smarts')
plt.ylabel('Probability')
plt.title('Histogram of IQ')
plt.axis([40, 160, 0, 0.03])
plt.grid(True)
plt.text(60, .025, '$\mu=100, \sigma=15$')
plt.xlim(40, 160)
plt.ylim(0, 0.03)
plt.show()
```



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# Homework

If **HTT** beats **HTH**, what if anything beats **HTT**? And does something beat that etc? Is there an optimal sequence?

You can use this code to produce a list **l** of all the possible starting permutations:

```
import itertools

rep = 3

l = list(itertools.product('HT', repeat = rep))

for n in range(len(l)):

    l[n] = ''.join(l[n])

print(l, len(l))
```



# Homework

- Along with the slides from today, and the coin tossing simulation and other code, I am giving you the code of a program that can access and parse RSS feeds, in particular, the BBC's.
- At the end of the code there are some suggestions for modifying the it.

## BBC NEWS

**RSS Feed For:**  **BBC News - Technology**

Below is the latest content available from this feed. [This isn't the feed I want.](#)

### **Location data collection firm admits privacy breach**

Huq says two apps it collects data from did not seek correct consent from users.

### **Inside the controversial US gunshot-detection firm**

BBC News has been given access to ShotSpotter, the controversial US technology company that detects gunshots.

### **Facebook: We are putting safety before profits**

Facebook Vice President says Meta is about making sure people feel good about using their services.

### **Meta: Facebook's new name ridiculed by Hebrew speakers**

The social media giant joins a number of companies that have fallen foul of translation blunders.

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# Resources

- *Real Python* – [Link](#)
- *Python Programming Tutorials* – [Link](#)
- *Linked-In Learning* (of course!)
- *Socratica Python* - [Link](#)
- *Anything Python by Corey Schafer* - [Link](#)
- *Any YouTube videos by [Raymond Hettinger](#)*
- *Pandas (Python Data Analysis Library)* - [Link](#)
- *A little more technical: Python as C++'s Limiting Case* - [Link](#)



## Resources – Me!

If you would like to book a one-to-one session with me, please just email me to arrange a suitable date and time.

Always happy to help. And it's free.



Any final questions?