Plan for the week: Week 2, Sept 1-5

● **Understanding program structure**
  - Defining, testing, calling functions
  - How to run a program, how someone runs yours

● **Understanding more of Python the language**
  - Types: string, int, bool, float
  - Operations on these, e.g., +, %, [:], and
  - Control: conditionals and loops (Thursday)

● **Course structure: APTs, labs, assignments**
  - Tools for enabling structure
Examples of functions
Functions explained

- In a calculator, sqrt: number in -> number out
  - What is domain, what is range?

- In MSWord, word count: document -> number
  - Domain is word doc, range is integer

- In browser, web: URL -> HTML formatted "page"
  - Domain is valid URL, range is HTML resources

- In Python we see similar structure!
Abstracting over code: functions

- http://goo.gl/DfcPgI
- See snarf for class work as well

- These functions do not return values, they print
  - Illustrates problem decomposition, but ...
  - Normally have each function return a value
  - Normally use the return value in function call
def eieio():
    print "Ee-igh, Ee-igh, oh!"

def refrain():
    print "Old MacDonald had a farm,",
    eieio()

def had_a(animal):
    print "And on his farm he had a",
    "",animal,"",",
    eieio()
Anatomy and Dissection of Print

- **Print generates output to a console, window, ...**
  - Depends on how program invoked
  - Basically used for: help with debugging and creating output for copy/paste, view

```python
print "hello," , x , "what's up" , y
```

- **Space inserted between comma-separated items**
  - Can use string concatenation, "hello" + str(x)
  - If statement ends with comma, no newline
  - Print anything that has a string representation...
Tracing program execution

- **The `def` statement defines a function**
  - Creates a name that can be used in program
  - Name encapsulates program statements, creates its own environment for running code
    - Variables, parameters, *local* to the function

- **Function name and statements part of Python execution environment**
  - Can *call* or *invoke* the function
  - If *parameters* needed, must *pass* values for each
  - Visualize program execution: PythonTutor, brain
Abstraction over barnyards

- In OldMacPrint we have `pig()` and `fox()` ...  
  - What's the same in these? What's different?  
  - Capture differences in parameters/variables

- Create new function:
  - `def verse(animal, noise)`

- Look at `pig()` and `fox()` create new function
  - Call: `verse("horse", "neigh")`
  - Call: `verse("cow", "moo")`

Nancy Leveson: Software Safety

● Mathematical and engineering aspects, invented the discipline
  ➢ Health care software
  ➢ MS Word, Airbus 360, ...
  “There will always be another software bug; never trust human life solely on software” [Huffington Post](http://bit.ly/S5qOjoH)

● Therac 25: Radiation machine

● Software and steam engines
Compsci 101: Running Python

● **What does it mean to run a program?**
  ➢ What does clicking on app/program do?
  ➢ How do you run/test APT code, other Python code
    • Where does program start to execute/run?

● **Control flow in Python**
  ➢ Loops and if statements --- coming on Thursday
  ➢ *Essential for writing real programs*
    • But function calls are part of control flow
Functions that return values

● Most functions return values
  ➢ Example in Old MacDonald is "different"
  ➢ Some claim: all functions return values

```python
def inch2centi(inches):
    return 2.54*inches
```

```python
xh = inch2centi(72)
```

```python
def pluralize(word):
    return word + "es"
```

```python
pf = pluralize("fish")
```
What is an APT? BMI APT

● Automated/Algorithmic Problem Testing
  ➢ Write one function, 2-30 lines, solve a problem
  ➢ Tested automagically in Eclipse or the browser
  ➢ Test test test ... Quality of code not an issue

● Start simple, build toward more complex
  ➢ What is a function? A function call?
  ➢ What is a parameter? Argument?
  ➢ How do you run/execute a program
How to solve an APT

- **Two very, very, very important steps**
  1. How to solve the problem without computer
     Paper, Pencil, (Calculator)
  2. How to translate problem-solving to Python

- **Both steps can be hard, vocabulary and language are initially a real barrier**
  - More Python experience, easier step 2 becomes
  - With experience, step 2 can influence step 2
- **Step 1 is key, without it you won’t get anywhere**
Anatomy of a Python function

```python
def name(params):
    body
```

- **Define a function: name, parameters, body**
  - How do we decide on these?
  - Do we need parameters?
  - What does body of function do

- **Functions provide a named abstraction over code**
  - Huh? `math.factorial(5) "hello".upper()`
Functions: BMI (Body Mass Index)

● **What is formula? How to use it?**
  - For one person can simply print the BMI
    - Make sure units are correct, formula right
  - What if we want to validate data?
  - What if we want to notify folks who might need guidance?

```python
def bmi(weight, height):
    return 703.07 * weight / (height * height)

if bmi(170, 72) < 18.5:
    print "underweight"
```

*call replaced by return value, why use function?*
What does return statement do?

- Programs execute one line at a time
  - After one statement finishes, the next executes
  - Calling a function causes its code to execute
    - What happens in the code that calls the function?

- The value returned *replaces* the function call
  - `print math.sqrt(25.0)`
  - `if bmi(170,72) < 18.5: print "underweight"`

- What if nothing returned?
  - `None` by default in Python
Re-use: Counting words in file

def word_count(filename):
    f = open(filename)
    all = f.read()
    words = all.split()
    return len(words)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    name = "/data/romeo.txt"
    print "# words in",name,
    print "=" ,wordCount(filename)
Running Python Program/Module

- Python is an interpreter, platform specific
  - So is Java, so is Android, ... contrast compilers
  - Python can execute a .py file, need a "launch point"

- Convention in Python and other languages
  - Start with section labeled __main__, that's run
    ```python
    if __name__ == '__main__':
        statements here
        statements here
    ```

- Boilerplate, don't memorize, let Eclipse do work!
Function calls: what is an API?

http://www.enotes.com/shakespeare-quotes/vasty-deep
Eclipse Particulars

● Supports many languages: we care about Python
  ➢ PyDev perspective: Windows>Open Perspective>Other>...
  ➢ Also use console: Windows>Show View>Console
  ➢ Use PyDev console (right click console icon)

● Creating projects, Python Module
  ➢ Illustrated with examples in class

● Submitting and check via Ambient
  ➢ Illustrated with examples in class
A-Z, Soup to Nuts, APT all the way

● **Where do we find what APTs are due this week?**
  - Web pages, Sakai v Google v bookmark

● **Testing code for APTs supplied by 101 staff**
  - Snarf the project that provides testing harness
  - Don't call us, ETester.py will call you (your code)

● **Refresh to see results.html**
  - Repeat until finished

● **Submit using Ambient, Duke CS Eclipse plugin**
Summary of Today

- Functions help in program/problem decomposition
  - Each function does one thing only
  - Functions typically return values
    - Song printing functions don't, they print

- Names, parameters, arguments, return values
  - Functions execute, return replaces call point
  - Calling code picks up and continues after call

- We'll see loops and conditionals on Thursday
Grace Murray Hopper (1906-1992)

- “third programmer on world's first large-scale digital computer”
  - US Navy: Admiral

“It's better to show that something can be done and apologize for not asking permission, than to try to persuade the powers that be at the beginning”

- ACM Hopper award given for contributions before 35
  - 2010: Craig Gentry: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe-zmHoPW30](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe-zmHoPW30)
  - 2011: Luis von Ahn
  - 2013: Pedro Felzenszwalb
Duke Compsci: Grace Hopper 2013