

# Python in 3 parts

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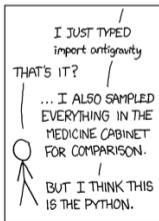
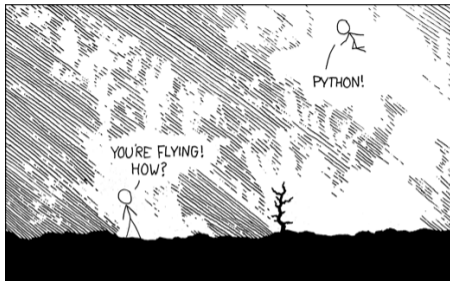
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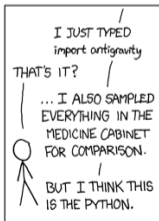
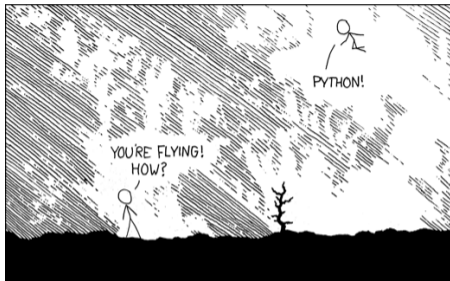
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I wrote 20 short programs in Python yesterday. It was wonderful. Perl, I'm leaving you.

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Using an editor - Geany is an OK default if you don't have a favorite

Gaussian sum: file gauss-sum.py

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sum = 0
for i in range(1, N+1):
    sum = sum + i
print('sum was:', sum)
print('gauss says:', N*(N+1) / 2)
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for loop with arithmetic: file  
for-loop.py

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import math
for i in range(16):
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To run it

```
$ python3 gauss-sum.py
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# Data types

Exploring data types at the interpreter - gleaning from examples

## Numbers

```
$ python3
>>> a = 27
>>> b = 12
>>> a*b
>>> a/b
>>> a // b
>>> a % b
>>> x = 7.2
>>> a*x
>>> y = 3.141592654
>>> x*y
>>> type(a)
>>> type(a*x)
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## Introducing strings

```
>>> s = 'hello'
>>> t = 'world'
>>> print(s, t)
>>> s + t
>>> s + ' ' + t
>>> s[0], s[1]
>>> (s + ' ' + t)[8]
>>> (s + ' ' + t)[42]
```

## Function on strings

```
>>> def prepend_first_letter(s):
...     s = s[0] + s[0] + s[0] + s
...     return s
>>> my_str = 'dude'
>>> result = prepend_first_letter(my_str)
>>> my_str, result
```

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```
$ python3
>>> mylist = [2.5, 17, 'dude']
>>> print(mylist)
>>> mylist
>>> mylist[0]
>>> mylist[1]
>>> mylist[2]
```

**AAAARGHH: repetitive task alert!!**

```
>>> for i in range(3):
...     print(i, mylist[i])
>>> for item in mylist:
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>>> print(len(mylist))
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## More play with types

```
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- ▶ Shall we start writing a program?

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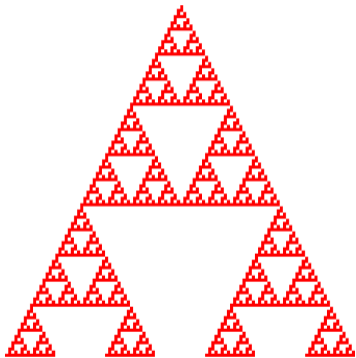
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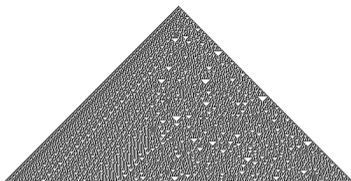


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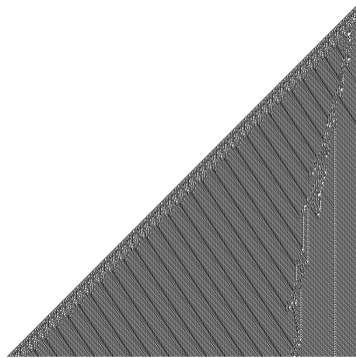
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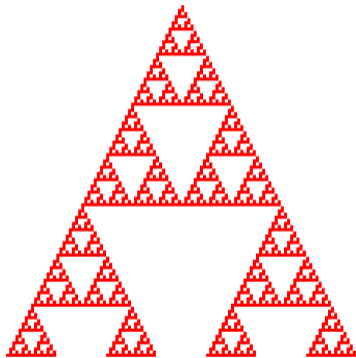
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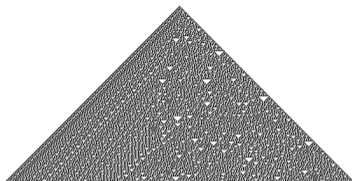
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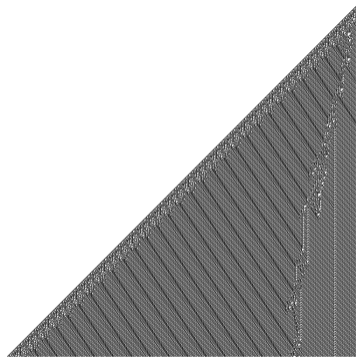
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(Shift to a window to show an animation of 1D and 2D cellular automata.)

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main()
```

Listing 13: ca-skel-0.py

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Listing 15: ca-skel-0.py

## First actions: I want to see some output!

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
# next attempt: explore the data representation for a CA row
def main():
    print('for now just printing out a single row')
    n_cells = 79
    row = [0]*n_cells          # row is a list of 0 or 1 values
    row[7] = 1
    row[24] = 1
    row[50] = 1
    row[75] = 1
    print(row)
    for cell in row:
        if cell == 0:
            print(' ', end="")
        else:
            print('x', end="")
    print()

main()
```

Listing 16: ca-skel-1.py

The “English language narrative”

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## Modularize it

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
# next attempt - make it modular: write some functions
def main():
    n_steps = 100
    n_cells = 79
    row = first_row_empty(n_cells)
    set_some_cells(row, [7, 24, 50, 75])
    print_row(row)
    for i in range(n_steps):
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    print_row()
```

main()

Listing 18: ca-skel-2.py

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```
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The size of our cellular space is 79. We create a row of deactivated cells and we activate a few of those cells. Then we print what that row looks like.

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## Expanding our program to take steps

### Updating main()

```
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- ▶ Hard-coded function to only do the Sierpiński rule.
- ▶ Checking if `neighbors` is in a hard-coded list of neighbor triplets is not beautiful programming.

## Run it!

```
$ python3 ca-first-steps.py
```

# How to encode them

The lonely work of programming: representations

## Generalizing

The tables below show how to represent **any** CA rule (for 2 states and a single neighbor on each side) as a **string of 8 binary digits**.

## Cellular automata rules: rule 30, i.e. 00011110

current pattern	111	110	101	100	011	010	001	000
new state for center cell	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0

## Cellular automata rules: rule 90, i.e. 01011010, the Sierpiński gasket

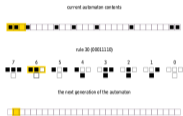
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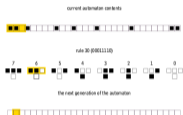
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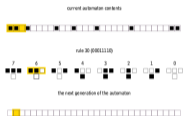
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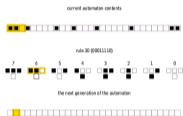
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This is all put together in the file `full-ca-program.py`

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Dictionaries: Python's "killer feature"

Basics of object-oriented python

- Stories of programming languages

- Object Oriented Programming (OOP)

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    print_person(boyd_record)

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- ▶ Requiring fiddly changes in disparate places - Murphy's law is lying in wait.

## Introducing dictionaries – Python's “killer feature”

### Index by string instead of int

```
>>> boyd_record = {'name' : 'Boyd',  
                  'birth-year' : 1971}  
>>> print(boyd_record)  
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The file should be a rather long file with a typical sampling of  
words. The ideal file would be a book downloaded from Project  
Gutenberg in ascii text format.  
""  
  
def main():  
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    elif len(sys.argv) == 2:  
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        f = open(fname, 'r')  
    else:  
        sys.stderr.write('error: use 0 or 1 arguments\n')  
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    f.close()  
    print('## rank word frequency')  
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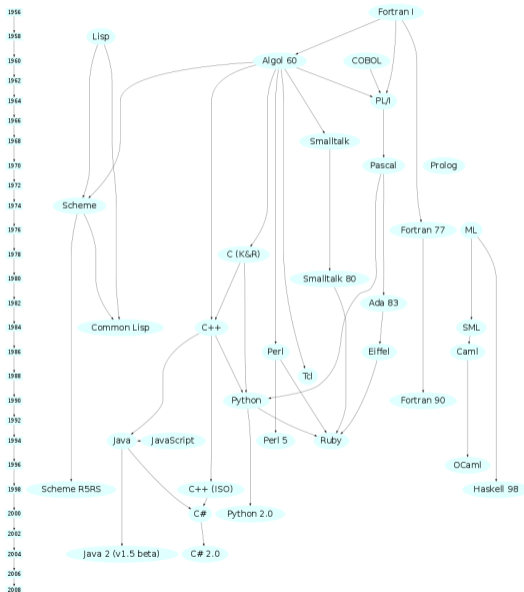
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## Classes

- ▶ Python is an object oriented programming language.
- ▶ Almost everything in Python is an object, with its properties and methods.
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Make a class with:

```
>>> class MyClass:  
>>>     x = 5
```

Then create an object from that class with:

```
>>> p1 = MyClass()  
>>> print(p1.x)
```

# The person description with a class

## Defining the class

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, birth_year, SSN, phone):
        self.name = name
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        self.phone = phone

pb = Person('Boyd', 1971, '543-81-5481',
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print(pb.name)
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```

## Adding methods

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                 , phone):
        self.name = name
        self.surname = surname
        self.birth_year = birth_year
        self.SSN = SSN
        self.phone = phone
    def example_function(self):
        print('this is an example function for dude',
              self.name)

pb = Person('Boyd', 1971, '543-81-5481',
           '+1-606-555-6173')

print(pb.name)
print(pb.birth_year)
pb.example_function()
```

# More methods

## Represent yourself as a string

Put this code in a `person-oop.py` file and run it:

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, surname, birth_year, SSN, phone):
        self.name = name
        self.surname = surname
        self.birth_year = birth_year
        self.SSN = SSN
        self.phone = phone
    def __str__(self):
        return ('name: %s\nsurname: %s\nborn: %d\nSSN: %s\nphone: %s\n'
                % (self.name, self.surname, self.birth_year, self.SSN,
                   self.phone))
pb = Person('Boyd', 'Crowder', 1971,
            '543-81-5481', '+1-606-555-6173')
print(pb)                # note the magic of the __str__() method
```

## Check the `__str__()` method

```
$ python3 person-oop.py
name: Boyd
born: 1971
SSN: 543-81-5481
phone: +1-606-555-6173
```