CS177 Python Programming

Recitation 1 – All you need to know
Welcome to CS177
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Course Syllabus

- [http://courses.cs.purdue.edu/cs17700:fall15:syllabus](http://courses.cs.purdue.edu/cs17700:fall15:syllabus)

- Class notes, labs and projects will be posted there.
Course Structure

• Lecture 2 times a week
• Recitation once a week.
• Lab once a week.
• We will take attendance
Textbook

Labs

• Weekly lab consists of 3-4 problems
• Lab exercises focus on the material covered the week before
• Sometimes a new concept might be introduce in lab, follow up with your lab TA
• You are encouraged to do the prelab
Projects

- Four projects + Project 0
- You will be writing longer programs than those of labs
- Use language features you learned in class
- Start early!
## Grade Distribution

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What do you need?

- Download Python (highly recommended) https://www.python.org/download

- Piazza – Sign up by visiting CS17700 on Piazza.
Academic Integrity Policy

• All CS 177 course work must be done individually
• CS 177 uses MOSS tool to verify the integrity of submissions
• In CS 177 a first instance of academic dishonesty will result in a zero for that assignment plus a letter grade deduction at the end of the semester.
• A second instance of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of F.
Objectives

• To learn how to write computer programs.
• To learn how to use the Python programming language.
What is a Computer Program

What is a *computer program*?

- A detailed, step-by-step set of instructions telling a computer what to do.
- If we change the program, the computer performs a different set of actions or a different task.
- The machine stays the same, but the program changes!
Using python

- Go to Start > Search “python”
- Click on IDLE (Python GUI)
- First window opens
- Click File > New Window
- Second window open
- Always write code in this window
- Don’t forget to save
What can python do?

- Simple calculations
  >>> a=5
  >>> b=4
  >>> 4=x  (WRONG)
  >>> c=a+b
  >>> c
  9

- Print Statement
  >>> print(“Hi”)
  Hi
  >>> print(c)
  9
  >>> print(a,c)
  5 9
Let's write a simple program
# by John Smith
# This program calculates sum of
# 2 numbers

def main():  
    a = 4  
    b = 5  
    c = a + b  
    print(a,"+",b,"=",c)  
main()

Output
>>>4 + 5 = 9

main function serves as an entry point to your program

invoking main within program, what happens in case this statement is omitted?
Reading input from User

• input ("prompt message") is used to read input from user:

```python
myInput= input("Type something\n")
print ("This is what you typed:")
print ("You typed:" , myInput)
```

Output:

```
Type something
Welcome to CS177
This is what you typed:
You typed: Welcome to CS177
```

Tip: the type (or representation) of the outcome of input is “text”, you need to used function eval to convert text to numeric
Reading “numeric” input from User

```python
value = input("Type value\n")
value = eval(value)
print (value)
print(value + 10)
```

Output:
```
Type value
10
10
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```

What happens if `eval` (i.e., the second line) was omitted?
Project 0

http://courses.cs.purdue.edu/cs17700:fall15:projects:project0

• A Warm up exercise.
• You will exercise writing a python program on your own
• You will learn how to correctly submit your work using turn-in command.
• After Project 0, incorrect submissions will be penalized 5% of grade
Finally …

• Learning programming is fun and can be useful regardless major.
• IDLE is your friend
• Ask a lot of Questions