

Variables and While Loops

Today starts as a Paper + Pencil or Tablet + Pencil day... please keep laptops stowed away!

COMP110 - CL08

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Announcements

- LSo7 - Variables and While Loops due Tomorrow Night (February 21st)
 - Quick, supplemental reading on today's lecture subject
 - Reading Posted, Gradescope Questions by 5pm Today
- EX03 - Wordle
 - Uses concepts of today and LSo7
 - Implement the popular online game Wordle!
 - Posts by February 22nd

Warm-up: Discuss the following questions with a neighbor, then, on paper, diagram how you believe this works.

```
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2      y: int
3      y = x * 2
4      return y
5
6
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```

Questions to discuss with a neighbor:

What does line #2 remind you of?

What does line number #3 remind you of?

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Introducing Variables

Trace the Following Program in a Diagram

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Key Variable Terminology

- Variable Declaration / Definition
- Variable Assignment
- Variable Initialization
- Variable Access

Identify Key Concepts

Then Trace the Following Program in a Diagram

Identify: Declaration, Initialization vs. Assignment, Access

```
1  def pizza_price(size: int, toppings: int) -> float:
2      """Calculate the price of a pizza with toppings."""
3      price: float = 10.0
4
5      if size >= 16:
6          price = 20.0
7
8      price = price + toppings * 0.75
9
10     return price
11
12
13  print(pizza_price(size=14, toppings=2))
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Left-hand vs. Right-hand Side of Assignment

The = Symbol is the *Assignment Operator*

- Each side of the assignment operator plays a distinct role in variable assignment!

Be Careful!

This program is *very slightly modified* from the previous. Can you spot the error? Try tracing again.

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Common Variable Errors

- `UnboundLocalError` - Occurs when attempting to access a variable that is declared in a function but not yet initialized
- `NameError` - Occurs when attempting to access a variable that is not declared. Commonly from typos or renaming a variable and not updating all accesses.

Why variables?

One reason: Store the results of function calls (computation or data input) for later use!

```
1  ✓ def madlibs() -> str:  
2      name: str = input("Give me a name: ")  
3      adjective: str = input("Give me a positive adjective: ")  
4      verb: str = input("Give me a verb ending in ing:")  
5      return f"{name} is {adjective} at {verb}"
```

Speed Writing Exercise

Introducing: While Loops

- Follow-along in Trailhead / VSCode

```
1  def love(n: int) -> None:
2      i: int = 0
3      while i < n:
4          print(f"i <3 u ({i})")
5          i = i + 1
```


Trace the Following Example

```
1  def sum(xs: tuple[int, ...]) -> int:
2      """Sum the values of a tuple."""
3      total: int = 0
4      i: int = 0
5      while i < len(xs):
6          total = total + xs[i]
7          i = i + 1
8
9      return total
10
11
12  print(sum(xs=(1, 2, 3)))
```

The Structure & Semantics of a While Loop