

Debugging; Objects and Graphics

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Check out [05-DebuggingObjectsAndGraphics](#) from SVN.
Get help if you're stuck.

Debugging

- Debugging includes:
 - Discovering errors
 - Coming up with a hypothesis about the cause
 - Testing your hypothesis
 - Fixing the error
- Ways to debug
 - Insert print statements to show program flow and data
 - Use a debugger:
 - A program that executes another program and displays its runtime behavior, step by step
 - Part of every modern IDE

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Using a Debugger

- Typical debugger commands:
 - *Set a breakpoint*—place where you want the debugger to pause the program
 - *Single step*—execute one line at a time
 - *Inspect a variable*—look at its changing value over time
- Debugging Example
 - In the **moveCircle.py** file
 - Start a debugging session:
 - Window → Open Perspective → other → Debug → Okay
 - Click debug icon (top-left side of work bench)

Using the debugger in Eclipse

- Set a breakpoint
 - Double click in left margin of editor view
- Step over (when you know a function works)
 - Click step-over icon or use F6 key
- Variable inspection
 - Look at the new value of i, cir after each time though the loop

Sample Debugging Session: Eclipse

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface during a debugging session. The main window displays the source code of `factorialTable.py`. The `factorial` function is highlighted, and the `product` variable is being updated. The `factTable` function is also visible, which prints a table of numbers and their factorials.

Four callout boxes provide explanations of the views shown in the IDE:

- A *view* that shows all the executing functions**: Points to the `Debug` view, which shows the call stack with the current function `factorial` at the top.
- This is the *Debug perspective***: Points to the `Debug` toolbar and the `Variables` view, which shows the current state of global variables: `i` (int: 3), `n` (int: 5), and `product` (int: 0).
- A *view* that shows all the variables**: Points to the `Variables` view, which displays the current state of global variables.
- This *view* is an *editor* that shows the line of code being executed and lets you make changes to the file**: Points to the main source code editor, which shows the `factorial` function being executed.
- A *view* that shows the outline of the module being examined (*Outline View*)**: Points to the `Outline` view, which shows the structure of the module with `factorial`, `factTable`, and `main` listed.

The console at the bottom shows the output of the program, including a warning from the debugger: `pydev debugger: warning: psyco not available for speedups (the debugger will still work)`.

Tips to Debug Effectively

- Reproduce the error
- Simplify the error
- Divide and conquer
- Know what your program should do
- Look at the details
- Understand each bug before you fix it
- Practice!

It's the scientific method!

- hypothesize,
- experiment,
- fix bug,
- repeat experiment

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The object of objects

- Data types for numbers are passive
- Most modern computer programs are built using an *Object-Oriented* (OO) approach
 - An *object* is an active data type
 - It *knows* stuff
 - It *does* stuff

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The object of objects

- Basic Idea of OO development
 - View a complex system as interaction of simple objects
 - Example:
 - the human body is a complex system
 - a simulation of a character in the Sims is a complex system

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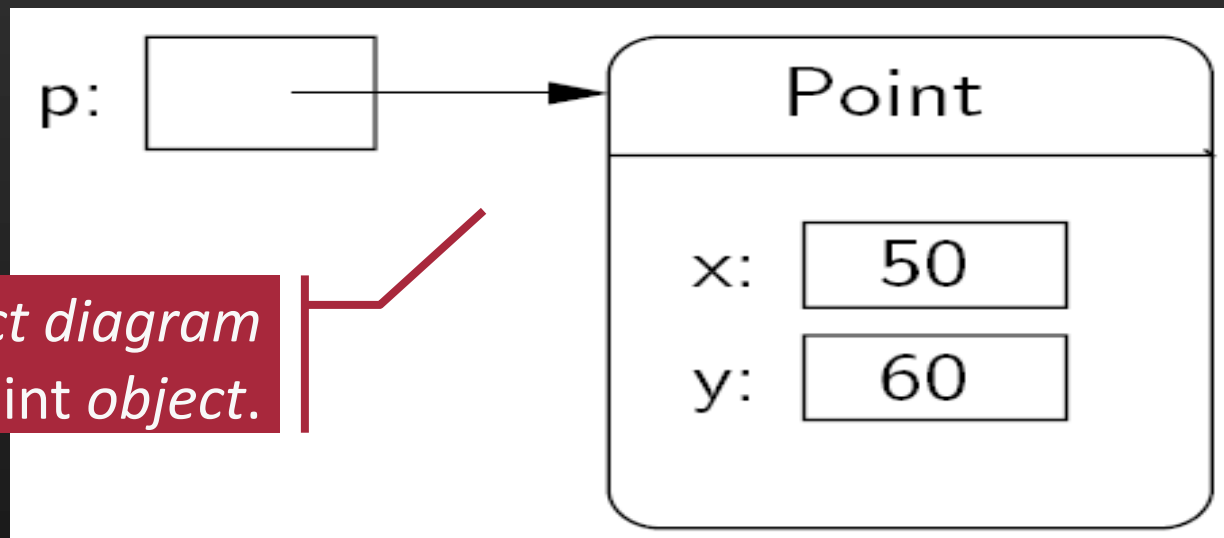
How do objects interact?

- Objects interact by sending each other *messages*
 - Message: request for object to perform one of its operations
 - Example: the brain can ask the feet to walk
 - In Python, messages happen via *method calls*.
- `win = GraphWin()` # constructor
- `>>> p = Point(50, 60)` # constructor
- `>>> p.getX()` # accessor method
- `>>> p.getY()` # accessor method
- `>>> p.draw(win)` # method

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How do objects interact? Point

`p = Point(50, 60)`



UML *object diagram*
for a point *object*.

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UML → Unified Modeling Language

Simple graphics programming

- Great way to learn about objects
- *Computer Graphics*: study of graphics programming
 - Important for gaming and movie industries
 - Military applications
- Graphical User Interface (GUI)

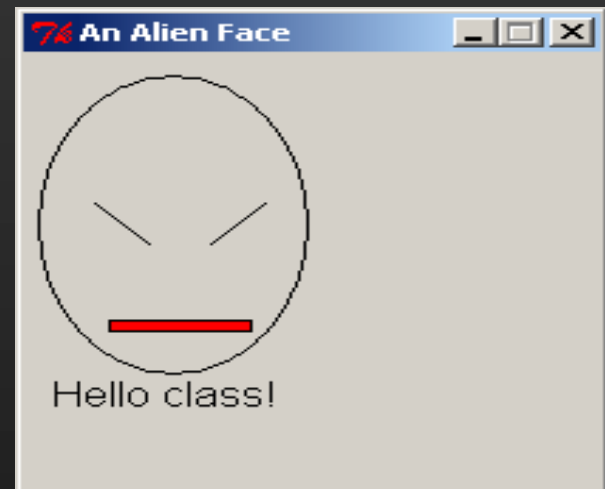
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Review: You choose how to import

- Must import graphics library before accessing it
 - `>>> import zellegraphics`
 - `>>> win = zellegraphics.GraphWin()`
- Another way to import graphics library
 - `>>> from zellegraphics import *`
 - `win = GraphWin()`

Using graphical objects

- Look at the `alienFace` module in today's SVN project



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Recap: Class and object terminology

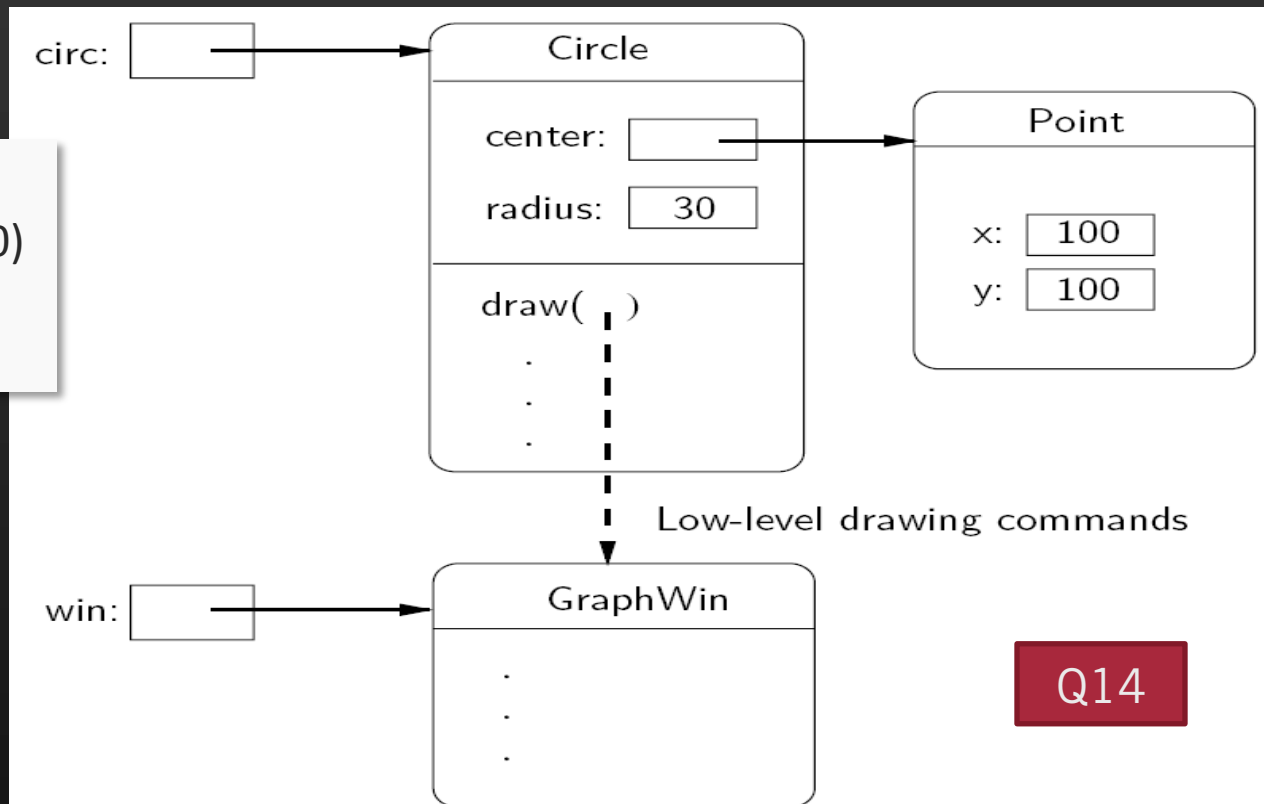
- Different types of objects
 - Point, Line, Rectangle, Oval, Text
 - These are examples of *classes*
- Different *objects*
 - head, leftEye, rightEye, mouth, message
 - Each is an instance of a class
 - Created using a constructor
 - Objects have instance variables
 - Objects use methods to operate on instance variables

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Object interaction to draw a circle

```
from zellegraphics import *  
circ = Circle(Point(100, 100), 30)  
win = GraphWin()  
circ.draw(win)
```

[[[Add a quiz questions like this as HW prep]]]



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Interactive graphics

- *GUI—Graphical User Interface*
 - Accepts input
 - Keyboard, mouse clicks, menu, text box
 - Displays output
 - In graphical format
 - On-the-fly
- Developed using *Event-Driven Programming*
 - Program draws interface elements (widgets) and waits
 - Program responds when user does something

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Example: getMouse

- *win.getMouse()*
 - Causes the program to pause, waiting for the user to click with the mouse somewhere in the window
 - To find out where it was clicked, assign it to a variable:
 - *p = win.getMouse()*

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Mouse Event Exercise

- Create a program in module, **clickMe**, with a window labeled “Click Me!” that displays the message **You clicked (x, y)** to the console the first 5 times the user clicks in the window.
- The program also draws a red-filled circle, with blue outline, in the location of each of these first 5 clicks.
- The program closes the window on the 6th click

Would you like to see more examples?

Practice Problem Sundays?

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