

As you arrive:

1. Start up your computer and plug it in
2. **Log into Angel** and go to CSSE 120
3. Do the **Attendance Widget** – the PIN is on the board
4. Go to the course **Schedule Page**
 - From your *bookmark*, or from the *Lessons* tab in Angel
5. Open the **Slides** for today if you wish

Software Dev. Exercise

Day of year module

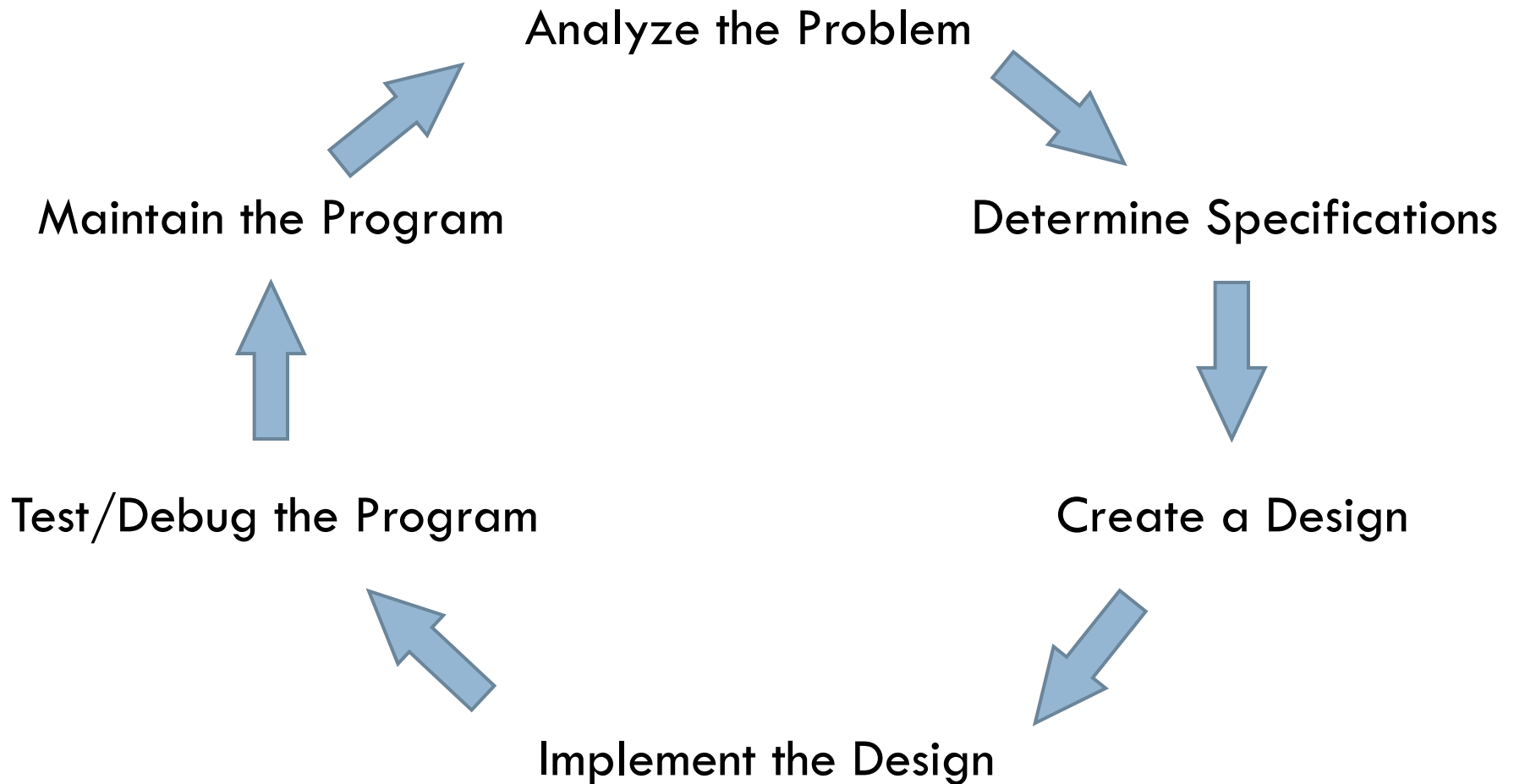
Character Strings

String operations
Lists and strings
String encodings
String formatting

Day, Month → Day of year

- When calculating the amount of money required to pay off a loan, banks often need to know what the "ordinal value" of a particular date is
 - ▣ For example, **March 6** is the **65th** day of the year (in a non-leap year)
- We need a program to calculate the day of the year when given a particular month and day

The Software Development Process



Phases of Software Development

- **Analyze:** figure out exactly what the problem to be solved is
- **Specify:** WHAT will program do? NOT HOW.
- **Design:** SKETCH how your program will do its work, design the algorithm
- **Implement:** translate design to computer language
- **Test/debug:** See if it works as expected.
bug == error, debug == find and fix errors
- **Maintain:** continue developing in response to needs of users

Checkout today's project

- ❑ Go to SVN Repository view, at bottom of the workbench
 - ❑ If it is not there,
Window → Show View → Other → SVN → SVN Repositories
- ❑ Browse SVN Repository view for
06-StringsAndLists project
- ❑ Right-click it, and choose **Checkout**
 - ❑ Accept options as presented
- ❑ Expand the **06-StringsAndLists** project that appears in Package Explorer (on the left-hand-side)
 - ❑ Browse the modules.
 - ❑ Let us do the exercise in the **1-daysOfYear.py** module

Strings (character strings)

- String literals (constants):
 - `"One\nTwo\nThree"`
 - `"Can't Buy Me Love"`
 - `'I say, "Yes." You say, "No." '`
 - `"'A double quote looks like this \", ' he said."`
 - `""""I don't know why you say, "Goodbye,"
I say "Hello." """`

Operating on Strings

Operations/Methods	What does each of these operation/method do?
<code>s1 + s2</code>	Concatenates two strings e.g. <code>"xyz" + "abc"</code>
<code>s * <int></code>	Replicates string s <int> times e.g. <code>"xyz" * 4</code>
<code>s.capitalize()</code>	Copy of s with only 1 st letter capitalized
<code>s.lower()</code>	Copy of s with all lower case characters
<code>s.reverse()</code>	Copy of s with all characters reversed
<code>s.split()</code>	Split s into a list of substrings

Some more string methods

Methods	What does each of these operation/method do?
<code>s.count(sub)</code>	Count the number of occurrences of sub in s
<code>s.find(sub)</code>	Find first position where sub occurs in s
<code>s.title()</code>	Copy of s with first character of each word capitalized
<code>s.replace(old, new)</code>	Replace all occurrences of old in s with new
<code>s.lstrip()</code>	Copy of s with leading white space removed
<code>s.join(list)</code>	Concatenate list into a string, using s as the separator

Practice with string operations

- Many of the operations listed in the book, while they work in Python 2.5, have been superseded by newer ones
- + is used for **String concatenation**: "xyz" + "abc"
- * is used for **String duplication**: "xyz " * 4
 - ▣ `>>> franklinQuote = 'Who is rich? He who is content. ' + 'Who is content? Nobody.'`
 - ▣ `>>> franklinQuote.lower()`
`'who is rich? he who is content. who is content? nobody.'`
 - ▣ `>>> franklinQuote.replace('He', 'She')`
`'Who is rich? She who is content. Who is content? Nobody.'`
`>>> franklinQuote.find('rich')`

Strings are immutable sequences

- Lists are mutable:

```
colors = ["red", "white", "blue"]
```

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```
colors[1] = "grey"
```

```
colors.append("cyan")
```

colors becomes

["red", "grey", "blue"] then

["red", "grey", "blue", "cyan"]

- A string is an **immutable** sequence of characters

```
>>> building = "Taj Mahal"
```

```
>>> building[2]
```

```
>>> building[1:4]
```

```
>>> building[4] = "B"
```

NOT OK.

Gives an error message when executed.

Strings and Lists

- A String method: **split** breaks up a string into separate words
 - ```
>>> franklinQuote = 'Who is rich? He who is content. ' +
 'Who is content? Nobody.'
```
  - ```
>>> myList = franklinQuote.split(' ')  
    ['Who', 'is', 'rich?', 'He', 'who', 'is', 'content.',  
    'Who', 'is', 'content?', 'Nobody.']
```
- A string method: **join** creates a string from a list
 - ```
'#'.join(myList)
```
  - ```
'Who#is#rich?#He#who#is#content.#Who#is#content?#Nobody.'
```
- What is the value of `myList[0][2]`?
- Do exercise in **2-practiceWithStringsAndLists** module

Getting a string from the user

```
>>> name = input('Enter your name:')  
Enter your name:John  
>>> name  
'John'  
>>>
```

String Representation

- Computer stores 0s and 1s
 - ▣ Numbers stored as 0s and 1s
 - ▣ What about text?
- Text also stored as 0s and 1s
 - ▣ Each character has a code number
 - ▣ Strings are sequences of characters
 - ▣ Strings are stored as sequences of code numbers
 - ▣ Does it matter what code numbers we use?
- Translating: `ord(<char>)` `chr(<int>)`

Consistent String Encodings

- Needed to share data between computers, also between computers and display devices
- Examples:
 - ▣ ASCII—American Standard Code for Info. Interchange
 - “Ask-ee”
 - Standard US keyboard characters plus “control codes”
 - 8 bits per character
 - ▣ Extended ASCII encodings (8 bits)
 - Add various international characters
 - ▣ Unicode (16+ bits)
 - Tens of thousands of characters
 - Nearly every written language known

String Formatting

- Allows us to format complex output for display
 - ▣ It treats a string as a template with `slots` --- `{}`
 - ▣ Provided values are plugged into each slot
 - ▣ Uses a built-in method, `format()`, that takes values to plug into each slot
 - ▣ `<template-string>.format(<values>)`
- What does each slot look like?
 - ▣ `{<index>:<format-specifier>}`
 - ▣ `<index>` tells which of the parameters is inserted in slot
 - ▣ `<format-specifier>` describes how this slot will be formatted

Format Specifiers

- Syntax:
 - ▣ `%<width>.<precision><typeChar>`
- Width gives total spaces to use
 - ▣ 0 (or width omitted) means as many as needed
 - ▣ `0n` means pad with leading 0s to *n* **total** spaces
 - ▣ `-n` means “left justify” in the *n* spaces
- Precision gives digits after decimal point, **rounding if needed.**
- TypeChar is:
 - ▣ `f` for float, `s` for string, or `d` for decimal (i.e., int) [**can also use i**]
- Note: this RETURNS a string that we can print
 - ▣ Or write to a file using `write(string)`, as you’ll need to do on the homework 6 assignment (HW6)

Begin HW6

- Although you do not have a reading assignment and Angel quiz, you are strongly encouraged to begin working on your homework early.