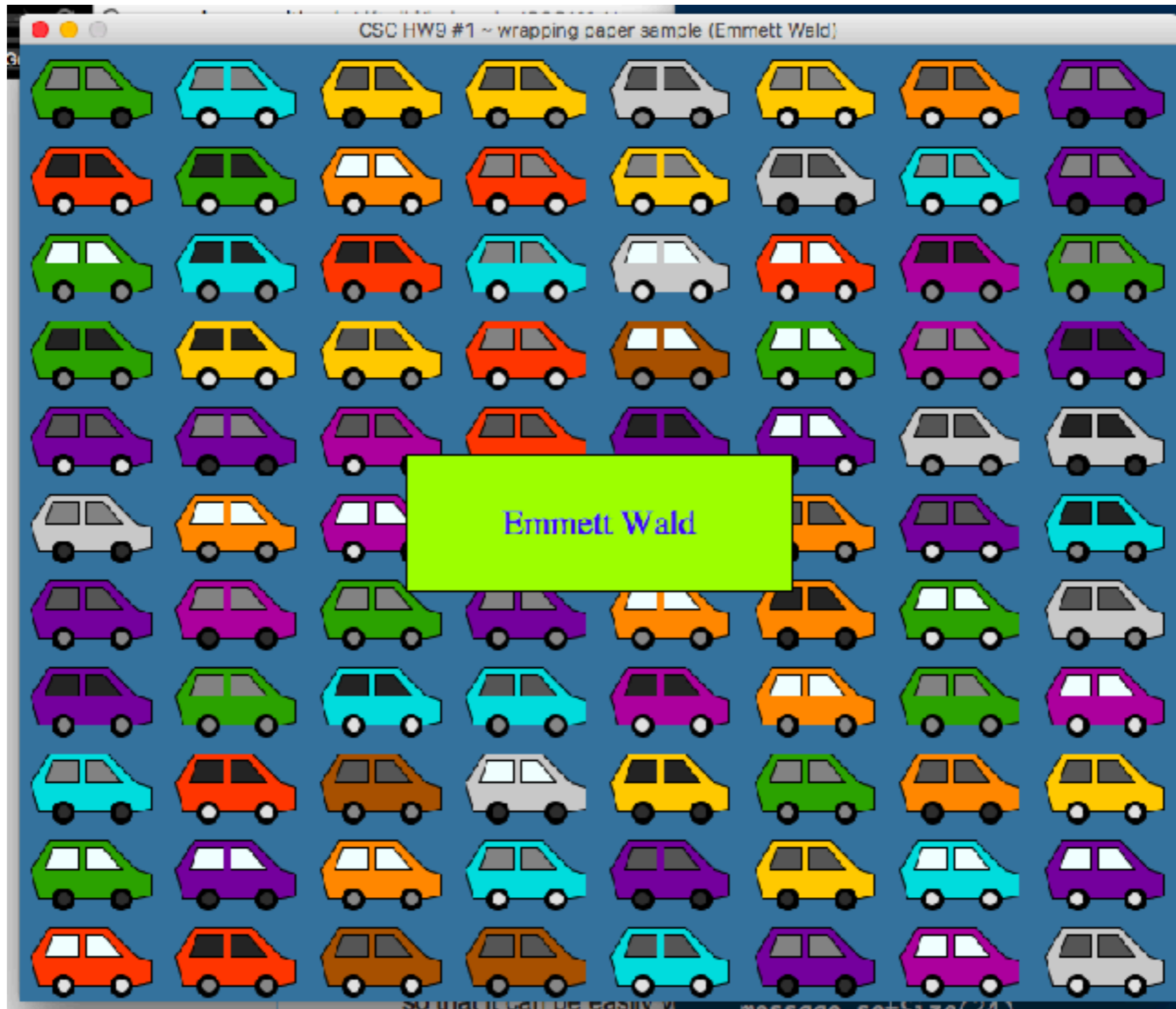


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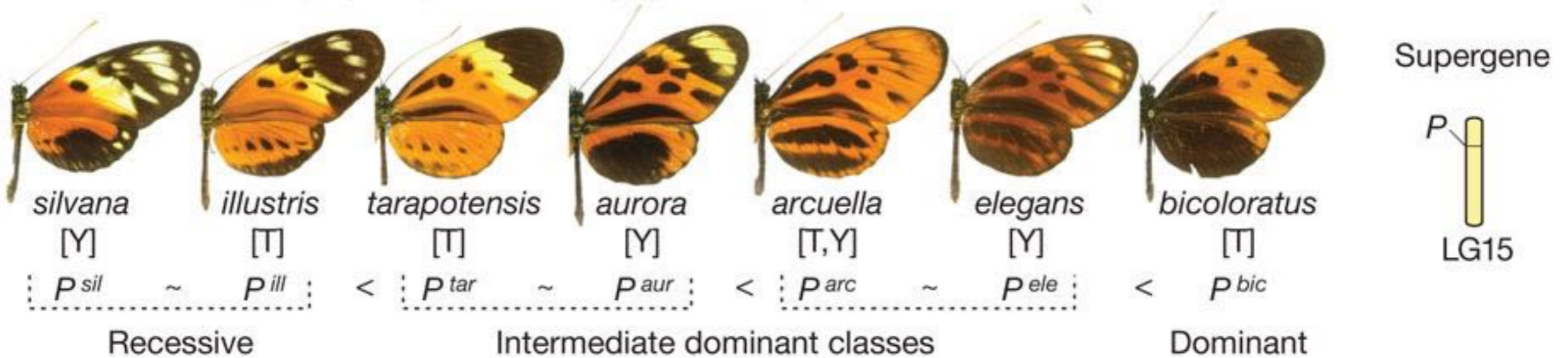
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# Polymorphism Dictionaries & Recursion

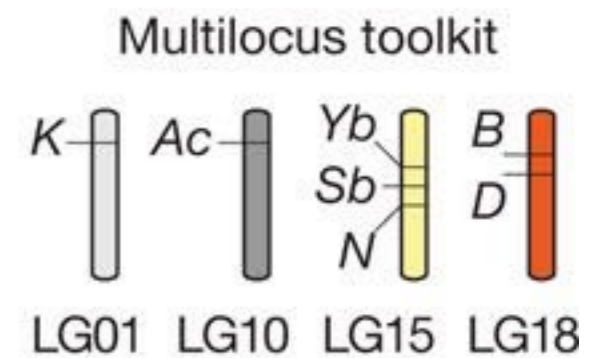
*Melinaea* : models



*Heliconius numata* : polymorphic mimic, sympatric morphs



*Heliconius melpomene* : monomorphic, parapatric subspecies



# Polymorphism

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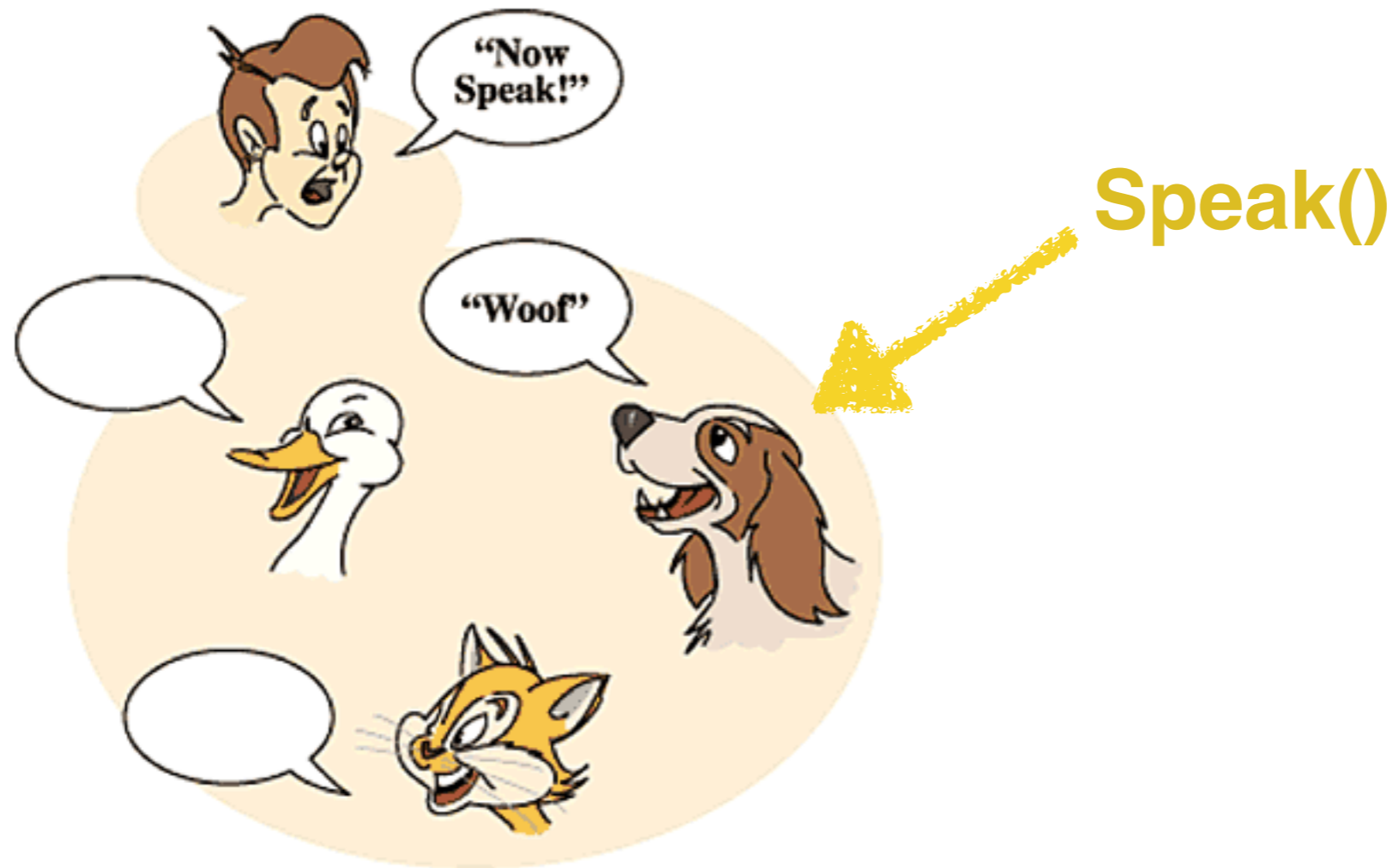


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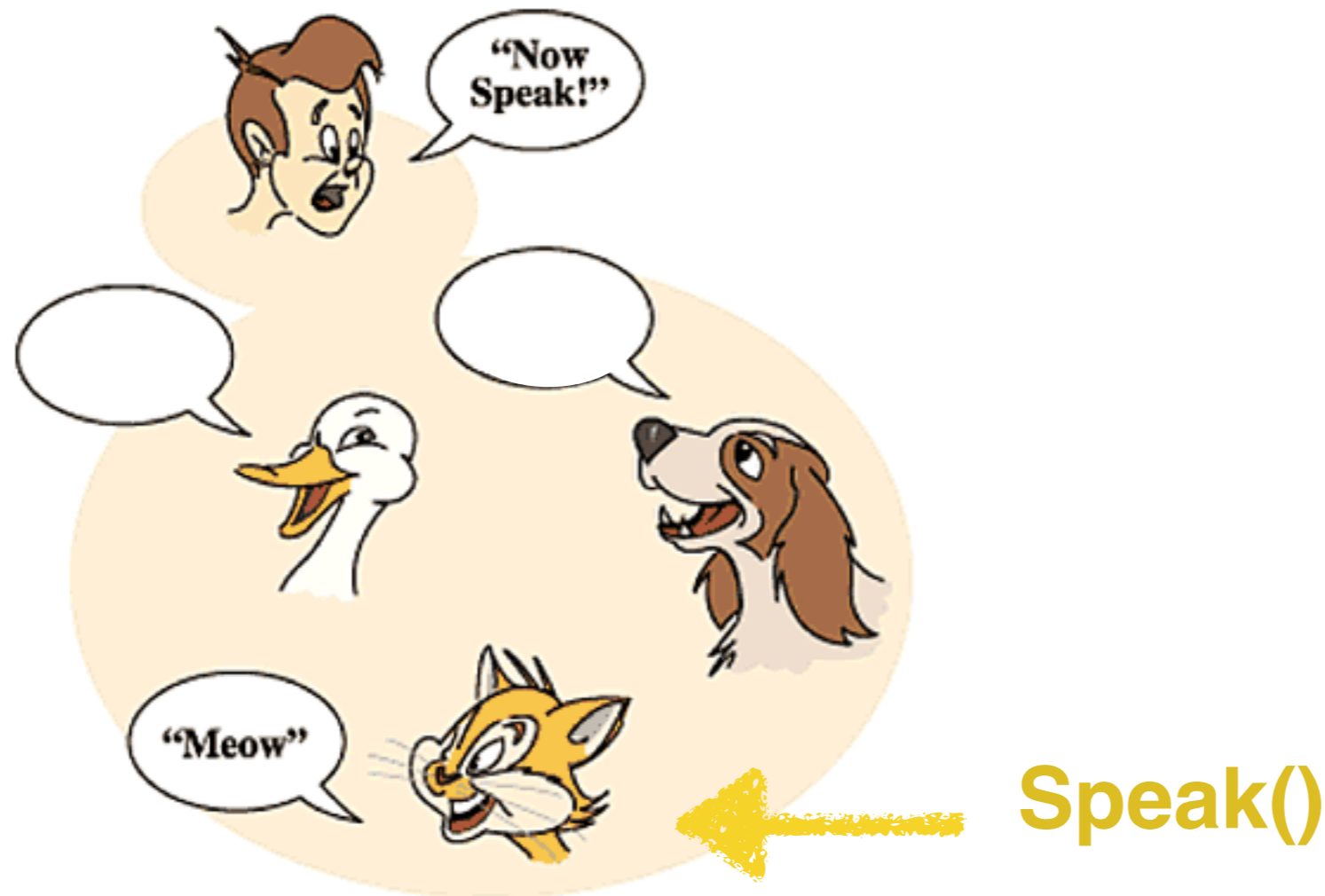


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Polymorphism is the ability for a function, or method, to behave **differently** depending on which class it belongs to, or what type of parameter is given to it.

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# Let's Code this!



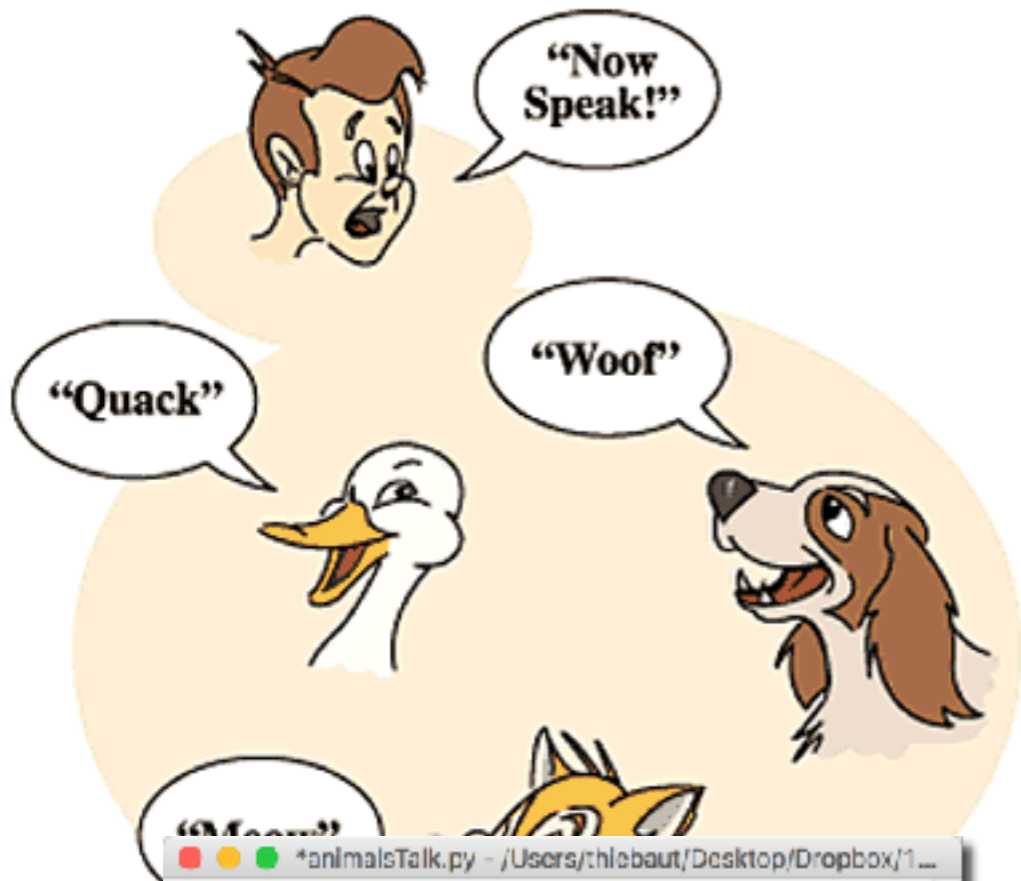
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        print( "Meow!" )

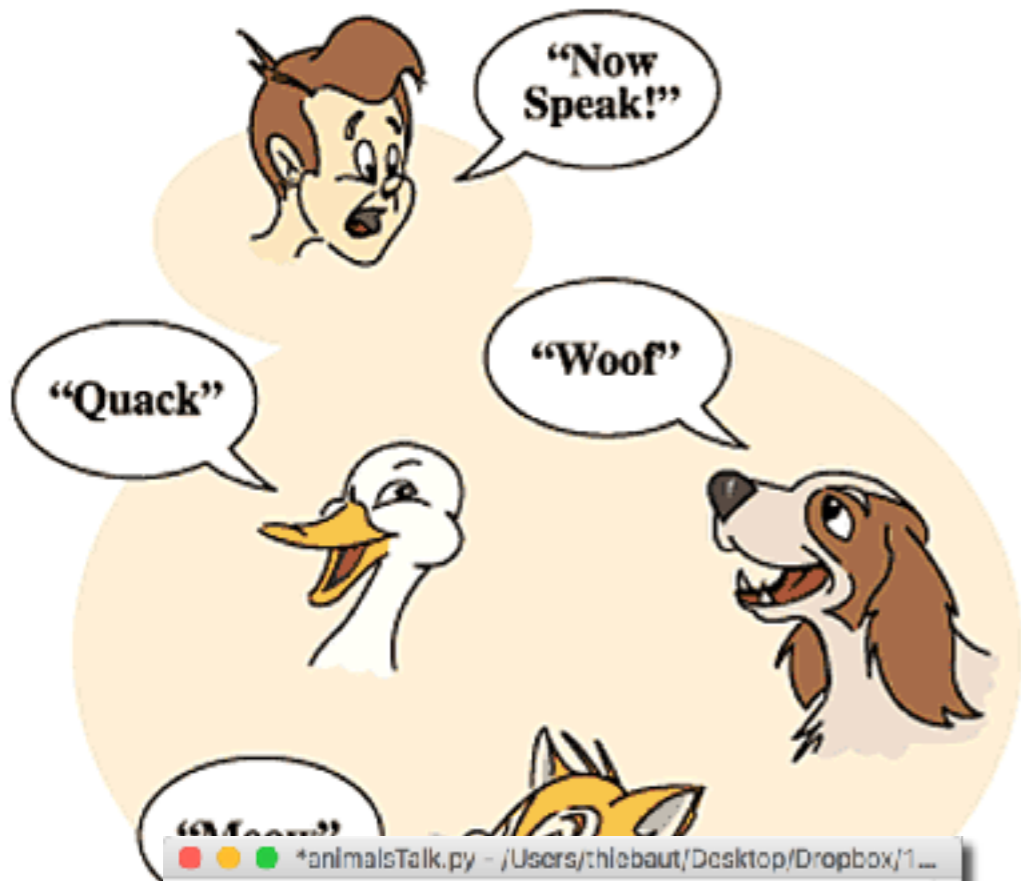
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        print( "Donald" )
    def speak( self ):
        print( "Quack, quack!" )
```

animalsTalk.py



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def main():  
    garfield = Cat()  
    rex       = Dog()  
    ducky    = Duck()  
  
    garfield.whatAreYou()  
    garfield.speak()  
    garfield.sleep()  
  
    rex.whatAreYou()  
    rex.speak()  
    rex.sleep()  
  
    ducky.whatAreYou()  
    ducky.speak()  
    ducky.sleep()  
  
main()  
  
Ln: 58 Col: 4
```

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main()
Ln: 58 Col: 4
```

```
Python 3.5.4 Shell
===== RESTART: /USERS/thiebaut/DESKT
op/Dropbox/111/animalsTalk.py =====
Why, I'm a cat. Leave me alone!
Meow!
Zzzzzz...
I'm a dog!
Woof, woof!
Zzzzzz...
Donald
Quack, quack!
Zzzzzz...
>>>
Ln: 23 Col: 13
```



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```

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garfield.speak()
garfield.sleep()

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rex.sleep()

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main()

```

**Polymorphism**

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```

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op/Dropbox/111/animalsTalk.py =====
Why I'm a cat. Leave me alone!

ZZZZZZ...
I'm a dog!
Woof, woof!

ZZZZZZ...
Donald

ZZZZZZ...

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**Overloading**



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```

Ln: 23 Col: 13



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Python 3.5.0b1 (v3.5.0b1:071fefbb5e3d, May 23 2015, 18:22:54)
[GCC 4.2.1 (Apple Inc. build 5666) (dot 3)] on darwin
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
>>> 1 + 10
11
>>>
>>> "Smith" + " " + "College"
'Smith College'
>>>
>>> ["Doc", "Grumpy", "Happy"] + ["Sleepy", "Bashful", "Sneezy", "Dopey"]
['Doc', 'Grumpy', 'Happy', 'Sleepy', 'Bashful', 'Sneezy', 'Dopey']
>>>
>>> ("Joe", 3) + ("Marie", 4)
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>>>
```

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['Doc', 'Grumpy', 'Happy', 'Sleepy', 'Bashful', 'Sneezy', 'Dopey']
>>>
>>> ("Joe", 3) + ("Marie", 4)
('Joe', 3, 'Marie', 4)
>>>
```

**Overloading**

“Abundant  
syntax brings  
more burden  
than help.”

–Guido van Rossum

“Abundant

**and del from not while**  
**as elif global or with**  
**assert else if pass yield**  
**break except import print**  
**class exec in raise**  
**continue finally is return**  
**def for lambda try**

than help.”

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# Dictionaryes

# Review Lists

```
dogs = [ "Ralph", "Blake", "Fido", "Rex", "Milou" ]
```

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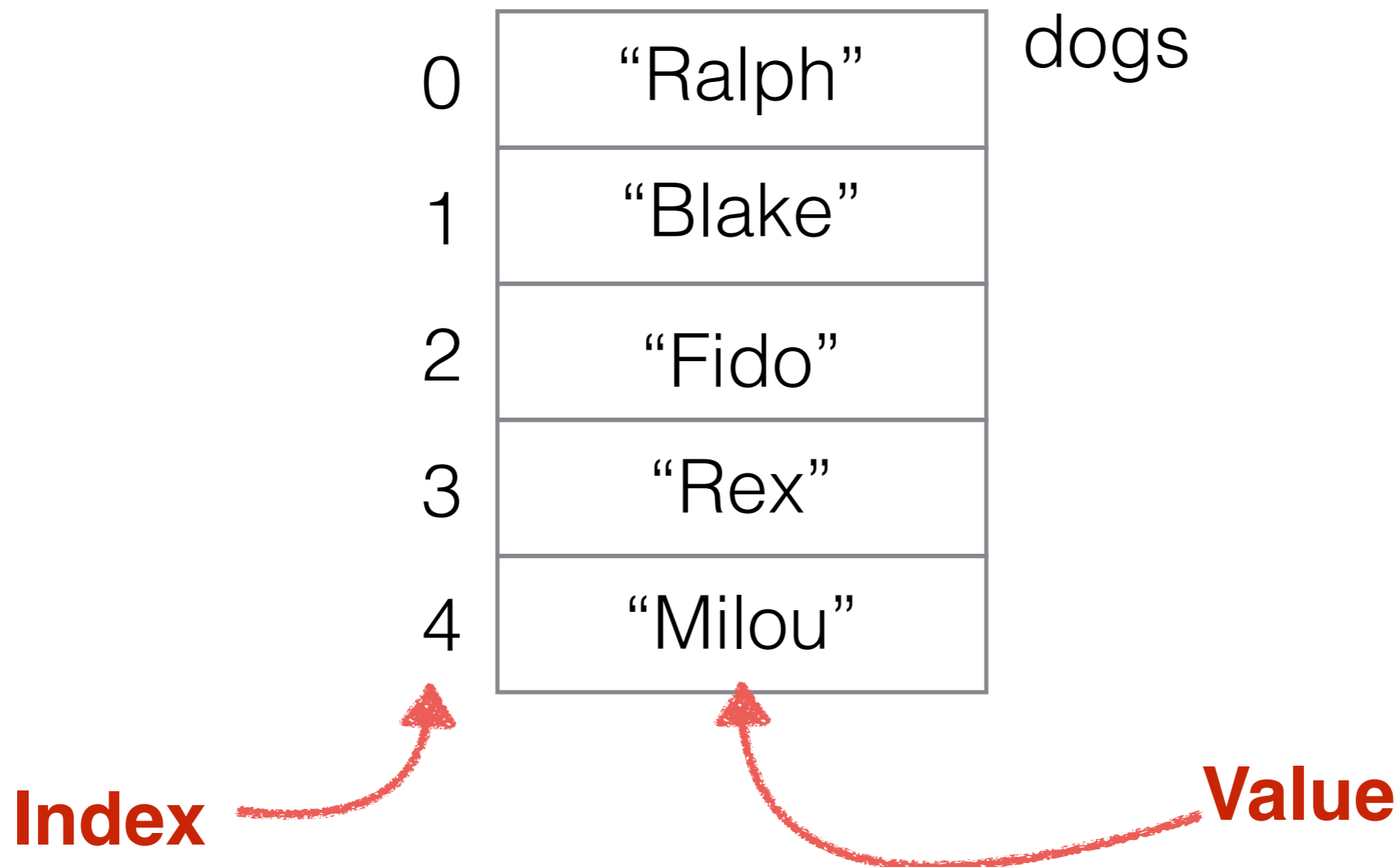
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```

0	"Ralph"	dogs
1	"Blake"	
2	"Fido"	
3	"Rex"	
4	"Milou"	



# Review Lists

```
dogs = [ "Ralph", "Blake", "Fido", "Rex", "Milou" ]
```



# Dictionary: Indexing Data by Name

"Apple" : 95,  
"Apricot" : 29,  
"Avocado" : 270,  
"Banana" : 95,

# What we'd like:

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"Banana" : 95,



**calories**

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**Key**



**Value**



# DICTIONARY

## Zelle, Section 11.7

# Dictionaries

- *Dictionaries* are **Data Structures**
- The item used as an index is called the **key**
- The item associated with the key is the **value**
- A dictionary is a container, or a **collection of (key, value) pairs**
- **Searching** for a key in a dictionary is a very **fast** operation.

[searchListAndDictionary.py](#)

# Example

```
Python 3.5.4 Shell
Python 3.5.4 (v3.5.4:3f56838976, Aug 7 2017, 12:56:33)
[GCC 4.2.1 (Apple Inc. build 5666) (dot 3)] on darwin
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>> stocks = {
    "DJIA": 24733.38,
    "S&P": 2698.45,
    "NASDAQ": 7261.41,
    "CNBC IQ" : 269.97,
    "RUSS 2K" : 1580.33,
    "FTSE" : 7318.42 }
>>> stocks[ "DJIA" ]
24733.38
>>> stocks[ "FTSE" ]
7318.42
>>> for stock in stocks:
    print( stock )

FTSE
CNBC IQ
NASDAQ
S&P
DJIA
RUSS 2K
>>>
```

Ln: 25 Col: 4



# Example

```
Python 3.5.4 Shell
>>> for st in stocks:
    print( st, "-->", stocks[st] )

FTSE --> 7318.42
CNBC IQ --> 269.97
NASDAQ --> 7261.41
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>>> for st in stocks:
    print( st, "-->", stocks[st] )

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>>>
```

Ln: 61 Col: 4

# Example

```
Python 3.5.4 Shell
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```

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```

```
>>>
```

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>>>
```

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>>>
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>>>
```

```
>>> # add 10 to S&P
```

```
>>> stocks[ "S&P" ] += 10
```

```
>>> stocks[ "S&P" ]
```

```
2708.45
```

```
>>>
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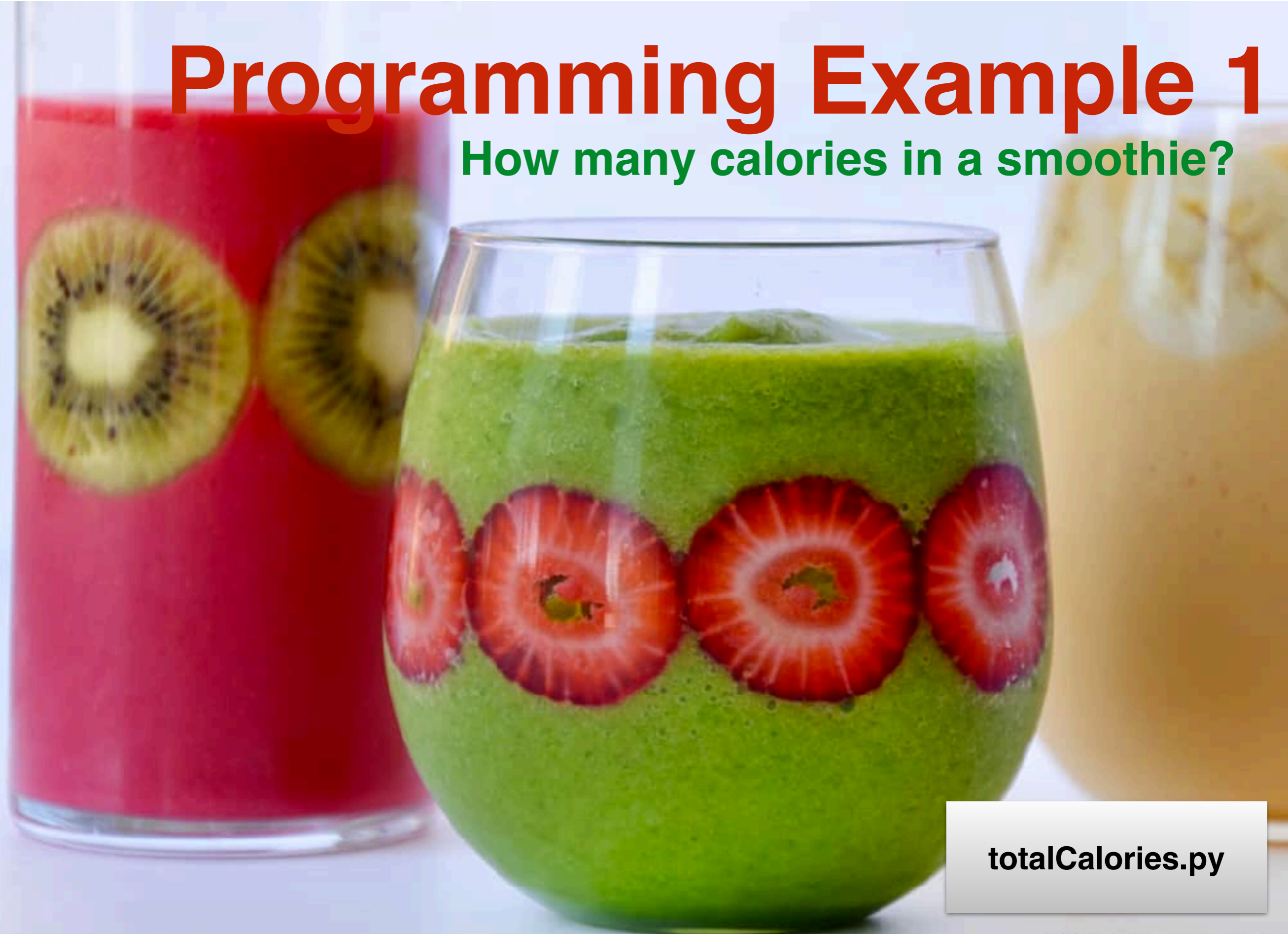
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# Example

```
Python 3.5.4 Shell
>>>
>>>
>>> |
>>> # add 10 to S&P
>>> stocks[ "S&P" ] += 10
>>> stocks[ "S&P" ]
2708.45
>>> # test if key is in dictionary
>>> "DAX" in stocks
True
>>> "dax" in stocks
False
>>> "DJIA" in stocks
True
>>> "Djia" in stocks
False
>>> "RUSS 2K" in stocks
True
>>>
Ln: 60 Col: 4
```

# Programming Example 1

How many calories in a smoothie?



**totalCalories.py**

<https://www.justataste.com/healthy-secret-ingredient-smoothies-recipe/>

```
totalCalories.py - /Users/thiebaut/Desktop/Dropbox/111/totalCalories.py [3.5.4]
# totalCalories.py
# D. Thiebaut
# A program illustrating the use of a dictionary
# to compute the total amount of calories in a
# smoothy containing several different fruit.
# Additional fruit and calorie data can be found
# at this URL: http://www.lasting-weight-loss.com/calories-in-fruit.html
#
```

```
caloriesDict = {
    "Apple"      : 95,
    "Apricot"    : 29,
    "Avocado"    : 270,
    "Banana"     : 95,
    "Blackberry" : 25,
    "Blackcurrant" : 28,
    "Blueberry"  : 30,
    "Boysenberry" : 66,
    "Cherimoya"  : 115,
    "Coconut"    : 351,
    "Cranberry"  : 15,
    "Date"       : 107,
    "Fig"        : 43,
    "Grapefruit" : 48 }
```

totalCalories.py

```
*totalCalories.py - /Users/thiebaut/Desktop/Dropbox/111/totalCalories.py (3.5.4)*
def main():
    # define a list of smoothies and their contents
    Smoothies = [ ( "Blueberry", "Banana", "Apple" ),
                  ( "fig", "grapefruit", "avocado" ) ]

    # for each smoothie, compute the total number of calories
    for smoothy in Smoothies:
        totalCal = 0
        # display smoothie nicely formatted
        print( "Smoothy:", ", ".join( smoothy ) )

        # for each fruit in this smoothie, add its calorie count
        # to total
        for fruit in smoothy:
            fruit = fruit.capitalize()
            if fruit in caloriesDict:
                print( "{0:20}-->{1:5}".format( fruit, caloriesDict[ fruit ] ) )
                totalCal = totalCal + caloriesDict[ fruit ]

        # print total calories
        print( "{0:20}  {1:5} calories".format( "Total calories", totalCal ) )
        print()
```

main()

Ln: 44 Col: 30

# Programming Example 2

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# create a dictionary for the majors
majorsDict = {}

# process each line...
for line in lines:

    # split each line into 2 fields
    try:
        email, major = line.strip().split()
    except ValueError:
        continue

    # if major not a key in dictionary,
    # add it...
    if not major in majorsDict:
        majorsDict[ major ] = 0

    # increment count for the major just found
    majorsDict[ major ] += 1

# display the majors and the number of students
for major in majorsDict:
    print( major, "-->", majorsDict[ major ] )

main()
```

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main()
```

countMajors.py

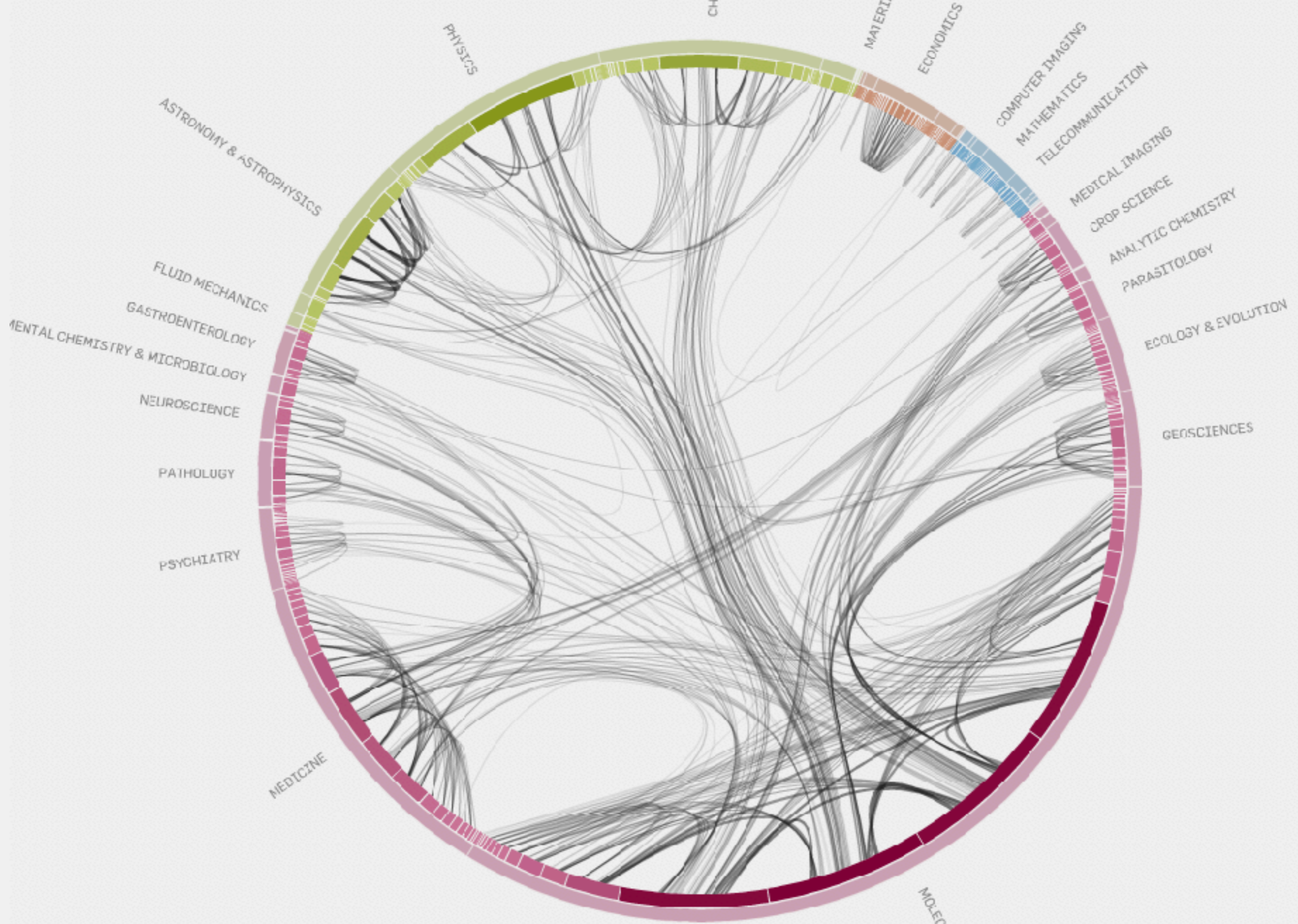


# Programming Example 3



**Street Car Named Desire**

CREDIT: MOVIESTORE/REX/SHUTTERSTOCK



```
# StreetCarWithDictionaries.py
# D. Thiebaut
# This program uses a dictionary of dictionaries
# to count how many times the three characters
# Stanley, Stella, and Blanche refer to each other
# in the play Street Car Named Desire, by Tennessee
# Williams

PLAY = "streetCar.txt"
characterCounters = { "STANLEY": { "BLANCHE":0, "STELLA":0, "STANLEY":0 },
                     "BLANCHE": { "STANLEY":0, "STELLA":0, "BLANCHE":0 },
                     "STELLA":  { "STANLEY":0, "BLANCHE":0, "STELLA":0 }
                    }

def getLinesFromPlay( fileName ):
    '''opens the file given by its name, and
    returns all the text lines it contains.'''
    file = open( fileName, 'r' )
    lines = file.read()
    lines = lines.split( '\n' )
    file.close()
    return lines
```

**streetCarWithDictionaries.py**

```
def main():
    global PLAY, characterCounters

    lines = getLinesFromPlay( PLAY )
    for line in lines:
        # find lines that start with uppercase and contain a ':'
        if len(line) > 0 and 'A' <= line[0] <= 'Z' and line.find( ':' ) != -1:
            # split the line at the first ':'
            character, tirade = line.split( ':', 1 )

            # skip lines where character is not a key in dictionary
            if character not in characterCounters:
                continue

            # make tirade uppercase so all character names are uppercase
            tirade = tirade.upper().strip()

            # for each of the characters who are keys in dictionary...
            for otherCharacter in characterCounters:

                # count how many times each appears in tirade
                count = tirade.count( otherCharacter )
                if count != 0:
                    # update counter for character mentioning otherCharacter
                    characterCounters[ character ][ otherCharacter ] += count
```



\*streetCarWithDictionaries.py - /Users/thiebaut/Desktop/Dropbox/111/streetCarWithDictionaries.py (3.5.4)\*

```
# display the resulting counts
for character in characterCounters:
    print( character )

# get the dictionary of counters for that character
dico = characterCounters[ character ]

# go through each other-character in the dictionary, and display
# associated counts
for otherCharacter in dico:
    print( "    refers to", otherCharacter,
          dico[otherCharacter ], "times" )
```

```
main()
```

Ln: 57 Col: 8

```
= RESTART: /Users/thiebaut/Desktop/Dropbox/111/streetCarWithDictionaries.py =  
STANLEY
```

```
  refers to STANLEY 0 times  
  refers to BLANCHE 18 times  
  refers to STELLA 16 times
```

```
BLANCHE
```

```
  refers to STANLEY 15 times  
  refers to BLANCHE 5 times  
  refers to STELLA 63 times
```

```
STELLA
```

```
  refers to STANLEY 26 times  
  refers to BLANCHE 58 times  
  refers to STELLA 0 times
```

```
>>> characterCounters[ "STANLEY" ][ "STELLA" ]  
16
```

```
>>> characterCounters
```

```
{'STANLEY': {'STANLEY': 0, 'BLANCHE': 18, 'STELLA': 16}, 'BLANCHE': {'STANLEY': 15,  
'BLANCHE': 5, 'STELLA': 63}, 'STELLA': {'STANLEY': 26, 'BLANCHE': 58, 'STELLA': 0}}
```

```
>>> |
```

# Recursion

# **Tough problems, simple solutions**

## **Recursion & Recursive Functions**

**Finding the Largest in a List**

**Finding the Smallest in a List**

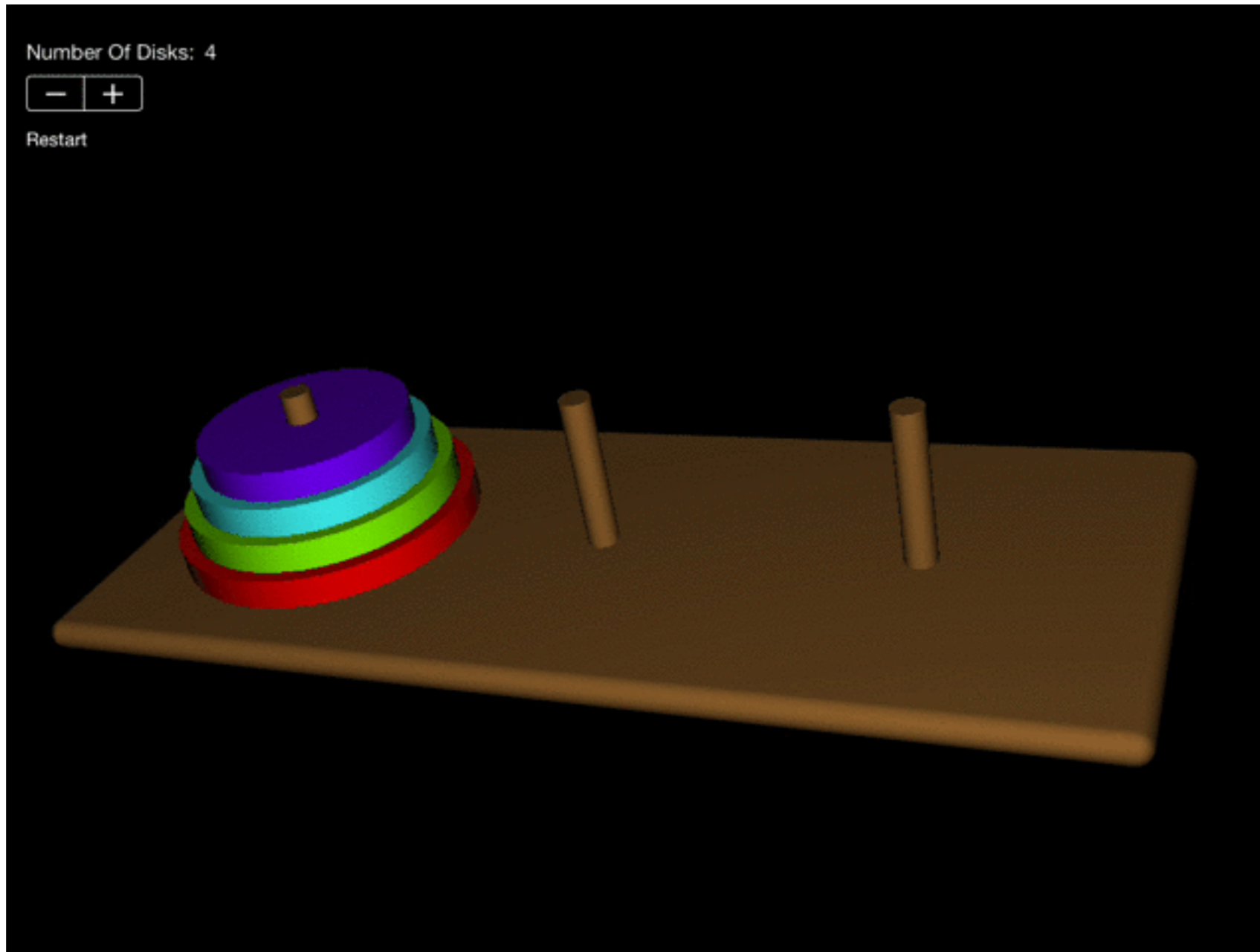
**Factorial**

**Traversing a Maze**

**Fractal Trees**

**Towers of Hanoi**





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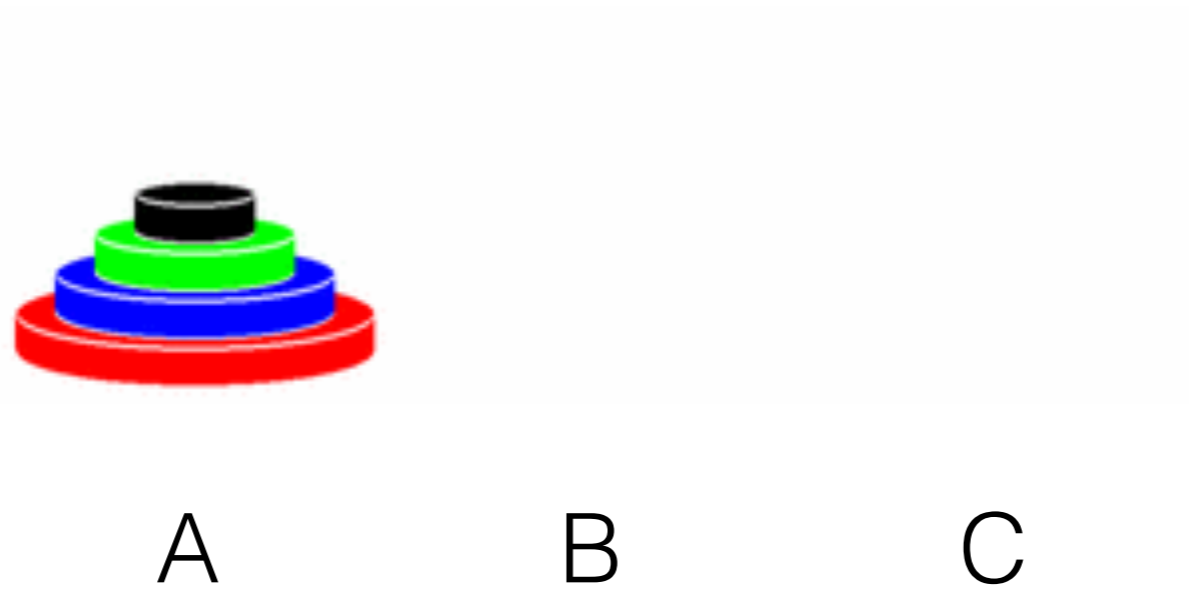
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A B  
C A  
...



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# Some Problems Can be Solved With *Little* Coding using Special Programming Techniques

# Recursive Functions

# Solving Problems Recursively: Class Exercises

**Largest** in a list

Wrap text

**Smallest** in a list

**Factorial**

Find item in a list

Draw a Chessboard

bunch of bananas

Find the largest in a list...



bunch of bananas

Find the largest in a list...



(Lazy, but clever.  
Has lots of friends)





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    same script in order to find the largest banana.
    At some point that second minion will return the
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    minion will compare that to the one it kept, and
    return the largest of the two.
    """

    # if minion gets a bunch of 1 banana, that banana
    # is the largest of what it got.
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        return banana

    # if we're here, it's because the bunch has more
    # than 1 banana.
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    kept = bunch[0]

    # create a smaller bunch: the remaining bananas
    remainingBananas = bunch[1: ]

    # pass that to another minion
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    # figure out which of the 2 bananas is largest: the
    # one kept, or the one just returned
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    else:
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Stopping  
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Recursive  
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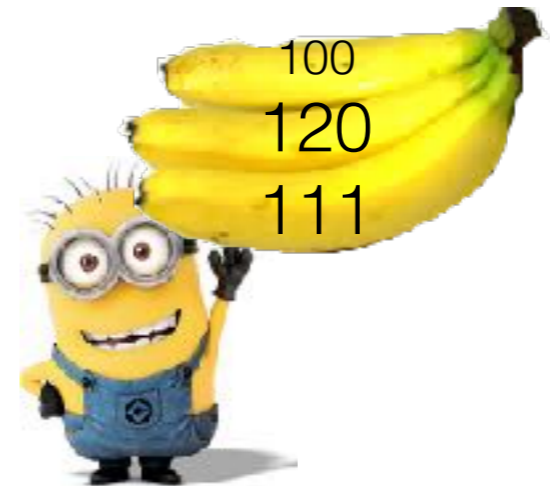
# Animation



# Animation



118



100  
120  
111

# Animation



# Animation



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**Minions: Can you tell me if there's a banana that weighs 118 grams?**



**Minions: Here's a bunch of bananas. Return to me the smallest and the largest.**



**Tough problems, simple solutions**

**Recursive Functions**

**Finding the Largest in a List**

**Finding the Smallest in a List**

**Factorial**

**Traversing a Maze**

**Towers of Hanoi**

# Standard CS

## Example: *Factorial*

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$$5! = 5 \times 4!$$

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```
def factorial( n ):
    # stopping condition
    if n==1:
        return 1

    # recursive step
    result = n * factorial( n-1 )

    return result

def main():
    while True:
        n = int( input( "> " ) )
        if n<=0:
            break

        print( "{0:1}! = {1:1}".format( n, factorial( n ) ) )

main()
```

# Demo Time!

# Under the Hood:

# Animated Python Functions

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3     return temp
4
5 x = 4
6 y = f1( x )
7 print( y )
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y:
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f1: (return to 6)
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a: 4	
temp:	

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a: 4
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temp: 8
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8



**We stopped here  
last time...**

# Recursion: Factorial



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fact: (ret. to 7)

n:

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y:

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n: 4

-1

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n: 3

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y:

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n: 4

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fact: (ret. to 4)

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x: 4

y:

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fact: (ret. to 4)

n: 2\*1

fact: 1 (ret. to 4)

n: 1

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y:

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**Minions: Can you tell me if there's a banana that weighs 118 grams?**



**Minions: Here's a bunch of bananas. Return to me the smallest and the largest.**





**We stopped here  
last time...**